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Skill is dead: Lucchesi

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg-Alexander's star recruit, Claude Lucchesi long has been renowned as one of the most skilful players in Australia. After seven seasons with Brunswick-Juventus, five with Preston-Makedonia and one with Green Gully, he remains an entertainer, a virtuoso. But, he can take knocks and dish them out because, increasingly, that is the only way to survive in Australian soccer.

"Sure, Australian soccer is competitive," he says. "We saw that in the last World Cup series. But skill is disappearing, and crowds with it."

"Skill and entertainment value have been sacrificed for hard running and hard tackling."

"I believe that if skill returns to our game, the crowds will too."

"People want to be entertained. They want to see players doing things with the ball that they, the spectators, can't even dream of doing."

"In years gone by, talented players in whom skill was encouraged would slice through a defence with sheer ball control

and clever passing. Now they crash through with hard running, shoving, tackling and high jumping."

"I believe Melbourne Croatia's crowds are up, and much of the increase must be due to its skilful style. Footscray JUST similarly drew an unprecedented crowd of about 2600 at home in the first round, against a Queensland club!"

"Committees and fans, as well as coaches, are to blame for the disappearance of skill. They are interested only in winning. The committees and fans put pressure on the coaches to win, and the coaches will resort to kicking the opposition off the park, or running extra laps to get the team fitter than the opponents. If that's the only way to get the results the committee wants."

"When I hang up my boots, I will go to NSL games only if I can see players who will entertain me. I don't want to see sharp crosses bouncing into the net off someone's back."

"It's a gloomy picture, I'm afraid. Skill and entertainment are going out the win-

dow, and so, crowds will deteriorate further and the money to improve soccer will simply not be there."

He believes that Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey has more regard for skill than many other coaches. "Heidelberg always has been hard, but they've always played with the ball as well, when they've had control of it," he says.

Melbourne Croatia will be rewarded for its skill by finishing among the leaders in the championship. "Croatia always will find gaps in opposing defences because its players are so skilful," Lucchesi says. "The only problem is that, after one or two bad games, there always are problems off the field — among the committee and fans. That is reflected on the field. If those problems are avoided, Croatia is in for a great season."

Lucchesi has signed a two-year contract with Heidelberg, which had to pay Green Gully only the \$5000 maximum transfer fee stipulated in his contract. A similar clause enabled him to move from Makedonia cheaply, but he's forfeited the maximum-fee clause in his latest move.

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● Claude Lucchesi celebrates a victory for one of his former clubs, Preston Makedonia. From left: Peter Ollerton (now with Croydon), Gary Ward (now with Melbourne Croatia), Lucchesi and David Jones (now playing back home in Perth).

LAMOND - \$32,000



● Well, it's all over. How about a quick Maltese dance, and I'll be off! Premier Vran at the opening of Melita Eagles grandstand. At left are Melita officials Sam Vella and Laurie Dimech. See NSW round up and Air Malta player of the year voting, page 13. Picture: ALEX VESIC

Top 14 so far

Canberra, Newcastle, Brisbane and Wollongong would lose representation in the NSL, and Frank Arok's St. George Budapest also would be excluded if the 14-team 1987 National League were to be chosen today.

The 14 teams will be selected according to a formula that awards points for past performances, placings in the league this season, and attendances in 1985.

Here's the points totals for each club after round two, (using crowd figures published in "Soccer Action"):

- 84.6 Sydney Croatia
- 80.2 Sydney Olympic
- 78.8 B'wick Juventus
- 78.1 H'berg-Alexander
- 71.9 Adel.C Juventus
- 70.0 Sun. Geo. Cross
- 68.0 5th Melb Hellas
- 66.7 APIA
- 66.3 Syd C. Hakoah
- 64.6 Marconi
- 57.2 Adelaide Hellas
- 54.5 Blacktown
- 54.3 Makedonia
- 44.2 Melbourne Croatia
- 43.6 Wollongong
- 39.8 Brisbane Lions
- 39.1 Footscray JUST
- 37.5 Green Gully
- 34.9 St. Geo Budapest
- 34.9 Canberra Olympians
- 34.6 Canterbury
- 29.6 Newc. Rosebud
- 27.1 Inter Monaro
- 26.1 Brisbane City

Papua-New Guinea forward Manis Lamond, 19, switched from Canberra Olympians to Sydney Croatia for \$32,000 last week in the most expensive domestic transfer in Australian soccer history.

Goalkeeper Yakka Banovic, now of Brunswick Juventus, retains the overall transfer record, but it was an overseas club, Derby County, that paid Heidelberg-Alexander \$130,000 for him.

Canberra Olympians secretary Tasso Samios confirmed the \$32,000 transfer fee for Lamond. Sydney Croatia lodged the cheque with NSL manager Steve Kamasz, who passed it on to the Olympians. Lamond made his Croatia debut as a substitute against Newcastle-Rosebud in Newcastle last Saturday night. Croatia won 4-0.

Former Canberra Olympians president Charlie Perkins, Lamond's guardian in Australia, negotiated the deal on the player's behalf.

"Manis will have security at Croatia and he will get expert coaching from Vedran Rozic," Perkins said.

"He's gone to Croatia as a full-time player, but we're also trying to set up a career for him — something he can prepare for part-time."

"As far as I'm concerned — and Johnny Warren agrees with me — Manis is the most naturally gifted player I have seen in Australia."

Lamond is staying with Charlie Perkins' daughter, Hetti, at Surrey Hills in Sydney. A cousin of Lamond's soon will join him from New Guinea. He is a talented midfielder or forward.

Lamond has been in Australia — first Cairns, then Canberra — since he was 16. His parents are in Port Moresby. Meanwhile, Canberra Olympians regains Ray Junna from Brisbane City for \$2000. Sydney Croatia signed Rene Licata from Marconi and Inter-Monaro recruited striker Derek Todd on a free

transfer from Newcastle-Rosebud.

Lamond, naturally, tops the transfer fees list of 1986. Second is Charlie Yankos who switched from Heidelberg to Adelaide Hellas for \$30,000, followed by Graham Jennings (Syd. Olympic to Syd Croatia)

and Robert Wheatley (Blacktown to Marconi) for \$25,000 and Robbie Dunn (Makedonia to Adelaide Hellas) for \$21,000. In addition to the \$32,000 transfer fee, Sydney Croatia is believed to be paying Lamond a \$10,000 signing-on fee as well as handsome wages.



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Supporters will be able to get a closer look at their heroes, players will be able to talk soccer in good company,



● Heidelberg defender Alan Hunter (right) about to cut inside Preston Makedonia striker Gary Cole. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

and commitments can get little control over their actions. Surprises are in store so every effort should be made to get down there on the opening night next week.

Alan Hunter to go back to Ireland?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

If Alan Hunter is right, Heidelberg solved its major problem when it signed Claude Lucchesi from Green Gully last week.

"We were crying out for someone to put the ball in the back of the net and someone with experience. Claude fills the bill on both scores," said Hunter, NSL under 21 Player of the Year last season.

Hunter switched to Heidelberg from Brisbane Lions for \$16,000 earlier this year in a bid to gain Soccerroo recognition. The deal almost fell through when he found out that Soccerroo sweeper Charlie Yankos had been transferred from Heidelberg to Adelaide Hellas.

"I panicked a bit at first then I sat down and thought about the whole thing. I realised that Charlie Yankos wouldn't get me into a green and gold strip. If anyone does that, it will be Alan Hunter."

And if Hunter succeeds, he'll have the last laugh on Les Scheffling, the man who left him out of the young Soccerroo squad which contested the World Youth Cup final in Mexico in 1983. "The Queensland youth side had cleaned up at the 1982 national championships, winning the final 4-1 against NSW, yet only had four players who went to Mexico — Russell Stewart, Danny Wright, Frank Farina and Steve Jackson.

"Frankly, I was pretty bitter about being left out but every dog has his day. Let's just leave it at that."

Hunter is one of the few central defenders in the National League who excels at going forward. Along with Tony Dakos of Sydney Olympic, Gary McDowell of West Melbourne Hellas and John Yzendoorn of Brunswick Juventus, Hunter lets us know that the true libero role isn't completely lost to Australian soccer.

Yet it's a role that Soccerroo boss, Frank Arak was loathe to allocate over the past two years. His regular sweeper, Yankos, had to concentrate on his defensive duties primarily, but Arak may have a change of heart as he ushers in a new era for the national team.

Let's hope so, there's nothing better than to watch skilled central defenders breaking up the play. Hunter also has his critics. He's been accused of holding onto the ball too long at times inside the defensive third of the field but he rejects such criticism.

"A lot of defenders in Australia can't go forward and I really think that if you can play with the ball a bit you should. I played up front until I was 15 so I guess I like to hold onto the ball a bit then try and build up play from the back. It's not my fault that coaches here are too defensively minded. That's their problem."

Hunter probably has sickened some of the Heidelberg players already with his persistence on the need to shoot.

"Look, I know it sounds silly because it's so basic but so many players forget that if you don't have a goal you never score. I sit down sometimes at half time and ask the lads if we had any shots on target in the first half. They'll say no. So I ask them how can we expect to score in the second half if we don't shoot? You can play pretty football for as long as you like but if you don't get the ball forward and haven't got players prepared to attempt shots you'll get nowhere. How many games do you see where there hardly are any shots? Once you start counting them up, you'll be surprised."

He's starting to sound like a coach, isn't he? Maybe that's because of the success he had last year when he coached the under 13s of Centenary United in Brisbane. That team didn't win a game in 1984 but finished sixth under Hunter.

"I'm not saying that the boys won a few games because of me. All I did was make a few positional changes. The guy who had coached them the previous year told me that they were hopeless but I watched them training and saw this boy who could be anything with a ball but he'd been playing centre half. Young kids today can have their talent wasted by staying in defence. I moved this boy into an attacking midfield role and he did very well. There was another lad there with a magic left foot. He'd been playing left back. I moved him onto the left wing and he went well too."

"The kids were absolutely over the moon when they won their first game last season and then ended up doing okay. It was something I thoroughly enjoyed and I'd like to get into coaching when I wind down as a player."

Hunter owes his success in part to coaches with very positive ideas on soccer, guys like Fred Robbins, George Pagan, Ron Smith and Simon Kistemaker. The pick of the bunch is Kistemaker. Simon Kistemaker is probably the best coach I've been under. The guy was just so professional in everything he did. The only reason Lions couldn't bring him back from Holland after his stint here was money. The club just couldn't afford him."

"What about current Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith?"

"He's nowhere near as professional as Kistemaker, and there's not much discipline."

"That's not meant as a shot at Lions because the club has been very, very good to me and I'd like to see them doing well. I think they will. They've got a pretty good squad and this Scottish guy Morton apparently is just what they needed up front."

Hunter's contract with Heidelberg expires in December, 1987 and it wouldn't surprise to see him heading back to Northern Ireland where he was born. His parents came to Geelong in Victoria but couldn't settle. They returned to Larnie but came back to Australia when Alan Hunter was three years old, settling in Brisbane. His father, Norman, runs a steel erection and rigging business while his younger brother David is a regular with Lions.

When Alan Hunter was 15 he went back to Larnie to visit relatives. He also played with Larnie reserves. He must be proud of his background judging by the eagerness with which he tackled the job of selecting a Northern Ireland team to compete in a mini World Cup tournament in Brisbane late last year.

"We got to the semis but lost 1-0 to Croatia after extra time. It was a rip-off. We were so upset that we didn't even turn up for the awards at the end of the tournament."

"I hear that there's a similar sort of thing down here each year and that it's a lot more professionally run. If I'm asked to get a Northern Ireland side together I'll be right into it."

Want a cheap player? Look to Newcastle

Newcastle-Rosebud's campaign to hold its place in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League is being threatened by Federation policy within its own area.

The Newcastle club operates on a far lower budget than most of its opponents, but good players have to be transferred away for a song.

Club secretary Ernie Lamb is concerned over how little money has been raised from transfer fees received for some of the best talent in the country.

He said: "We collected only \$3500 from St George for Mike Bogaard, a player who came through the ranks with Craig Johnston of Liverpool, and one of the best defenders around."

"Apia-Leichhardt is absolutely delighted about signing our winger, Darren Stewart, but we could ask only a paltry \$1000 for him."

"The list of leading Newcastle players with vari-

ous clubs goes on and on, but rarely can we do any good from the deals."

"The underlying problem is that we can put a realistic present-day market fee on a player, but it will be reduced on appeal to the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation."

"Their policy is that a player's transfer fee is to be no more than two and a half times what he receives from us over a season."

"Apart from the fact that our match payments are somewhat low by NSL standards, there is a further complication."

"The players who leave are often just about to blossom because they have just left the Youth team and are about to commence regular first-team payments."

"I went against the grain to lose Stewart, potentially one of the best wingers in Australia, for \$1000, but what can we do about it?"

Clearly the Northern NSW Federation could keep the lid on transfers within its own domain. It could however help the Newcastle club by allowing a realistic fee where the player goes out-

side its own area of jurisdiction.

In Sydney, Apia-Leichhardt has been celebrating the renovation of Lambert Park, which has been carried out with the assistance of Leichhardt Municipal Council.

In charge of the development has been club official and builder Ron Orsatti.

He said: "Council's contribution has been \$160,000 to this stage and our work and input has meant that improvements are valued at \$250,000."

"We have replaced the old fire-damaged wooden stand with the new VIP lounge and clubrooms and covered the Marion Street seating."

"By 1987 we aim to have two large fabricated lightning poles in place, for night games."

"The improved Lambert Park is just what we need for games against clubs other than Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia."

It seems that former Soccerroo coach Rale Rasic has the facility he needs, and team improvement in hand will revitalise what was years ago one of Sydney's best supported soccer clubs.

second-coming for their clubs!

God knows why! Why else would they submit to such blatantly NSW loaded proposals? So, after an initial glimmer of hope, selfishness takes its grip once more on soccer's plans for the future.

If this state of affairs is not boded, and add Sir Arthur George to the cocktail. Quote "Sydney is the capital of soccer in this country and so NSW has the right to protect its access to the N.S.L." Firstly, I'd like to know what makes Sydney the capital... and then I'd like to know of any other country's 'soccer-capital' that has similar access to its national competition. Has Merseyside or Manchester or Glasgow got such access for their clubs?

Perhaps we need people like Jock Reilly in the A.S.F. Someone who apparently is not strongly tied to any club, and seems prepared to speak his mind, no matter whose toes he steps on.

We've suffered from Soccerroo coaches being Sydney-based, and players shifting there as a result; we've suffered from previous National Leagues with more teams from NSW than any other state; we've suffered from Sydney getting preference to most 'big international games'.

Maybe it'll only stop with a VFL-like monopoly, a 'National' League purely consisting of NSW clubs.

With the automatic promotion NSW has ensured it is theoretically possible to have 13 NSW clubs out of the 14).

Then we can go back to State Leagues and start the whole process over again!

BILL PANAS, Meadow Heights, Vic

To the editor

the guidelines of the 14-team National League.

Following a favorable reaction to initial plans from all parties late last year, the NSW contingent went home and realised that the proposed structure was 700 fair, and that they have the God-given right to expect some favoritism in any such plans.

So, having jumped up and

down long enough, John Constantine and the NSW Federation got their way:

● One club automatically promoted each year from NSW (taking in Sydney, Northern NSW and the ACT);

● The criteria for membership, for the first year of the league, to be changed to the advantage of Sydney clubs!

So instead of crowd-support being worth the suggested 25% of the 'suitability scale', it is now only worth 10%. The last thing Sydney clubs would want was a large emphasis on crowd-support!

The "administrative and financial ability" criteria was completely scrapped, giving past and 1986 performance greater weight in the equation. Once again, this suits NSW very nicely. They have much better teams on the park, than they have club administrators, if stories escaping from the harbor-city are correct. Paper-thin financial structures, and those clubs that are surviving are doing so thanks to the pokeys.

Why is it, though, that NSW always seems to get its way?

They obviously hold some 'valuables' — good teams, some money, and whatever else it is that holds the remaining state Federations to ransom. But make no mistake, the other State delegations are as selfish and weak as NSW is selfish and stubborn. Victoria especially, must see the 14-team league as the financial

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Good King Tomislav looked down, on the ground uneven

The first thing you notice at Croatia's home matches at King Tomislav Park is the extraordinary number of families: men go to the game with their wives and children. Nowhere else in Australian soccer will you see such a large percentage of women in the crowd as here; the atmosphere is more of a village fair than a soccer match. But that's lovely, really. Men are less likely to brawl or cause a riot if they are with their families.

The Americans, when they used to dream of turning soccer into a major sport there, did everything in their power to make soccer a family affair. Eventually, they failed completely not just with the family concept but with soccer as a whole.

Here, Sydney Croatia has succeeded; perhaps the club knows best how or why but, I suspect, it's all got something to do with its frustrated patriotism.

★ ★ ★

In a few short years, Croatia has created, at King Tomislav Park, a large complex which includes a very acceptable soccer 'stadium', a big and seemingly prosperous clubhouse and some support facilities.

The most recent acquisition is its floodlighting system, perched atop four big towers and providing daytime conditions — far, far better than the floodlights of Sydney Sportsground, Marconi or St. George stadium.

Now, one hears, it is planning a grandstand on the clubhouse side but this may take some little time, because of the enormous costs involved.

Once that edifice has been built, the ground will have gone a long way towards really earning the title of 'stadium' which, today, is really a generous misnomer.

... And he left his car at home!



Andrew Dettre

Yet another accolade is due to the club for its relentless drive to the top. Despite years of persecution by our soccer authorities, Croatia has survived, prospered — and has, almost overnight, become Sydney's glamor club.

Its attendances are easily the highest and soon, almost inevitably, it will also have the most successful team in the league. The club which until recently was barred, because of its name and alleged politics, from mixing it with the 'best' is now the mainstay, almost saviour of the Northern Division of the NSL.

★ ★ ★
All these points must surely indicate that I have the highest opinion of Croatia. That being the case, permit me to turn into a critic.

For most visitors, a trip to King Tomislav Park, at Fairfield, is a high adventure on a survival course. It's easy enough to get near the ground — but then you will get bogged down in a parking nightmare.

King Tomislav Park (park?) lies in a vast dustbowl, surrounded by roads and streets not kerbed and not guttered. The ground has a very small parking area —

about one tenth of Marconi's — and all but the very fortunate early arrivals are forced to roam, like lost souls in the underworld, searching for a parking spot.

One "popular" area is in the scrub, behind the city-end goal, with a narrow path leading to a sidestreet (Allembay?). After the recent night game against St. George, a long stream of people, in Indian file, and in almost total darkness, stumbled through the savanna-like tall grass towards their cars. The scene could have been used in a movie depicting the Flight into Egypt. Before Croatia embarks on an ambitious stadium project, it should solve the parking headache. The St. George game had to be delayed by some 15 minutes as people were still streaming into the ground — many of them having simply abandoned their cars outside the gates, totally blocking off cars parked earlier.

★ ★ ★
Another chaotic feature of the good King Tomislav is the gates, just past the clubhouse. Croatia has installed new box offices and turnstiles — but on that occasion, the system either didn't work or the barricades were undermined.

Whatever the reason, the few hundred people trying to get in all at once created some very unpleasant crowd scenes.

★ ★ ★
Actually, a truly big crowd — say for a match against Marconi or Olympic — will test the organising ability of Croatia. The narrow footpath outside the dressing rooms, for instance, should be either widened or blocked off, as dangerous.

★ ★ ★
Seats are at a premium at King Tomislav; a few rows of benches behind the western goal and a very few others here and there is the sum total. The vast majority of spectators simply has to stand.

On the side opposite the dressing rooms, even standing isn't easy. The ground isn't flat but sloping and one wonders how people can keep their footing once it rains. In fact, the entire stadium is certain to turn into a nightmarish quagmire in the wet, heaven only knows what the "savanna path" leading to the sidestreet parking is like after a few hours of rain ...

★ ★ ★

As I mentioned at the outset, the Croatia club has made amazing progress in the past few seasons. It is undoubtedly the most enterprising in Sydney soccer.

But it would be less than completely honest if one mentioned only its assets, not its problems, as problems the club does have and plenty.

At present, its outlying complex lacks the customary creature comforts one expects in the 1980s — a nice stand with good seats, adequate parking, well-trained ushers and ground crew.

In the meantime, for a few days anyway, you will appreciate even the roughest chair under your bum and the tightest parking spot for your car.

Hennessy's here

Terry Hennessy is back in Melbourne, eager to land a top coaching job.

Hennessy was voted North American Soccer League Coach of the Year for leading the Tulsa Roughnecks to a 2-0 win over Toronto Blizzard in the Superbowl, the US final.

He coached Melbourne Croatia briefly in 1984 before returning to the Roughnecks. He can be contacted on (03) 232 1550.

Hennessy played more than 400 English league games, captaining Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Birmingham City, and also represented Wales 29 times, 20 as captain.

Hennessy and his wife have been granted permanent residency in Australia. Their son, Dean, came here first to play for Albion Turk Gucu (then called Albion Rovers) and now plays for Box Hill. Since the collapse of the NSL, outdoor soccer has been struggling in North America. Hennessy resurrected the Tulsa Roughnecks but, without a league in which to play, they had to be content with friendly matches against visiting teams and short tournaments.

They lost 1-2 to Estudiantes, the world club champion, and 0-1 to Sheffield United, and beat Linfield of Ireland 4-0.

The match against Estudiantes drew a sell-out crowd of 8500 to Tulsa's small stadium, and other games averaged crowds of 3500.

Roy Wegerle, a South African right winger, was not only Tulsa's best player, but also one of the most talented Hennessy has coached. "He would be an absolute sensation in Australia," he said.

Who knows, the club that signs Hennessy may also get a line to Wegerle ...

A new league, called the Pacific Coast League, is trying to revive outdoor soccer in the US, without much luck so far. Indoor soccer is thriving, however, and many of the stars who were in the NASL, now play in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL).



● Terry Hennessy (right) coaching Steve Gojovic at Melbourne Croatia.

Arok clash meant end for Bozanic

Vic Bozanic's return to APIA two weeks ago was prompted by the fine imposed on him by St. George at the recommendation of coach Frank Arok.

Arok claimed that Bozanic had gone on his honeymoon without notifying the club and had returned overweight — a month after the other players had started training for the 1986 season.

Bozanic claims that he wasn't given a fair hearing. "Frank Arok asked me where I'd been. I told him that I had been on my honeymoon. He said that I should have notified the club. I asked him what would have happened if I had and he said everything would have been okay. So, what was all the fuss about?" said Bozanic.

"I wasn't given a proper chance to defend myself. George suspended me until I was fit and fined me part of my signing-on fee for this year. You usually appear before six or seven committeemen and argue your case, but I only spoke to Frank and two committeemen who told me that they'd report the matter to the full committee.

"Okay, I did put on weight, but I'm losing it quickly now and I guess the only way to prove my point to St. George is to do it out on the field."

Bozanic's return to APIA cost the club \$10,000. He'd played with APIA on loan from Marconi in 1984 and last year St. George bought him from Marconi for \$10,000.

"There wasn't a spot for Vic Bozanic in my team, anyway," said Arok.

"I got back the \$10,000 I paid for him and that's the most important thing. We're running a business here."

Bozanic didn't have to pay the fine imposed on him by St. George.

Cutler quits

Northcote defender Gary Cutler has quit the club because of its "lack of ambition".

Cutler was in his fourth season with Northcote. He's a former Wolverhampton Wanderers and Albion (Wid) defender and is 23 years old.

St Albans Dinamo is rumored to be interested in signing him.

Gooney coach

Les Gooney, former Metropolitan League Player of the Year, has been appointed Eltham's coach for 1986. John Cochrane is his assistant and Con Moulos is captain.

New players include: George Pavlidis, ex-Northcote and Heidelberg; George Velkos, ex-Makedonia.

Players returning after absence include: Chris Briggs and Gordon Mackintosh.

Players who have left include Kevin Carey to Keilor Australia.

The team looks capable of challenging for promotion to



● Vic Bozanic (second from left) while with Adelaide Hellas playing against Mark Barton, Peter Katholos (No 10) and Dave McIntosh of St. George Budapest.

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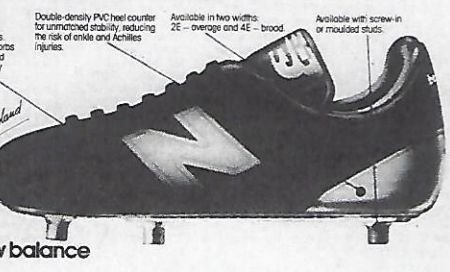
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Hellas starts its rise to the top



Ricky Rosso

Bris City 2 Adel. Hellas 4

Man of the match:
ALLAN SCOTT
(Adel. Hellas)

Scorers: 0-1 Konstandopoulos 8th, 0-2 Konstandopoulos 21st, 0-3 Scott 23rd, 0-4 Hristodoulou 34th, 1-4 Cooper 52nd 2-4 Mengotti 78th. Crowd: 2761. Referee: Alan Kibbler 8.

Although the Adelaide side eased off in the second half and Brisbane City began to compete, the match was all over when Hellas led 4-0 at the break.

Brisbane City, perhaps jaded by its 120-minute Q&A Four-X pre-season tournament final clash with Lions, had no answer to the early onslaught by Hellas.

It took just eight minutes for the visitors to open their account.

Referee Alan Kibbler waved play-on after the linesman had signalled offside when City defender Frank Mengotti won the ball. But Mengotti, who until this game had been in faultless form, lost possession.

Gary Price raced onto the loose ball, carried it to the touchline, then squared for George Konstandopoulos to easily tap in.

Six minutes later City's Dean Milosevic had a golden opportunity to equalise but failed to control with the goal at his mercy. His horror game continued when seven minutes later Milosevic gave the ball away to Allan Scott on the half-way line.

Scott showed all his marauding skills to beat the City defenders and square to Konstandopoulos to again put away well.

City nearly struck back shortly after, but Kieran Cooper chose to shoot rather than square to the unmarked letter in front of goal.

Just a minute later Hellas showed City again how to put away the chances.

Scott, whose skill and speed on the left wing continually caused City problems and prompted the halftime substitution of youngster Glenn Archer, made the most of a 'gift' when Mengotti gave the ball away on the edge of the box.

As the City defence parted to allow him a free run, Scott took aim and fired an unstoppable shot low past City keeper Kim Wishart.

Lou Hristodoulou, who looked particularly sharp early on, sealed the game for the Adelaide side when he darted in on the goal line to poke the ball away in the 33rd minute after Gary Price had made a lot of running.

After halftime City gave a much more committed showing. Irishman Cooper was rewarded for his efforts when he put away a Phil White shot which had rebounded off the crossbar while Mengotti atoned for his first half blunder by heading home a let-terier corner.

At 4-2, Adelaide Hellas was content to see out the game and relied on its Australian defensive combination of Yankos and Dunn to hold out the City attack.

A delighted Hellas coach Neil McGachey predicted afterwards that this would be just the first of many goal harvests by his side.

"We were prepared to attack and entertain and hopefully this will be an example for other coaches to follow," he said.

By comparison, it was a sombre Jim Hermiston who spoke to the media after a 10-minute after-match talk to his team.

"Our minds just weren't there in the first half," Hermiston said.

But the City coach took heart from the second-half performance.

"I see halftime as being the turning point for us. We will go from strength to strength now. We know what is required," he said.

Syd Olympic 5 Inter Monaro 1

Scorers: Soper, Estavillo, Raskopoulos, Johnston, Williams o.g (SO), Todd (IM). Venue: Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 1560. Referee: R. Lawrence 8.

Precise and thoroughly professional Sydney Olympic continued its mammoth early season goalgrabbing spree by crushing Inter-Monaro 5-1 at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan.



Peter Windsor

Injury-plagued Monaro had no answer to Sydney Olympic's speed and precision.

The visitors also showed complete all-round team understanding and great finishing.

Yet despite the score-line they did miss at least two other easy second half chances.

Coach Manfred Schaefer said after the game he was "ba-

sically happy". That must be the understatement of the decade, with Sydney Olympic having already scored 15 goals in League and Cup.

This is a complete side. Yet for 20 minutes, despite Sydney Olympic's pressure and the occasional Monaro breakaway, there was no score.

Then came a well-taken goal

by Man-of-the-Match Marshall Soper.

Fellow wingman Chris Kalatzis turned Monaro full back John Walsh, sped down the left flank and crossed to find Soper dashing in from the right to dive full length and head the ball into the net.

But just 60 seconds later Monaro was on level terms.

Hard-working wingman Attilio Carbone took the corner kick well away from goalkeeper Gary Meier's long arms. More importantly was the brilliant jump by Monaro midfielder and best player of the day, Angelo Ambrosino.

It was Ambrosino's header that Meier did well to stop on the goal-line. But still he failed

Man of the match:
MARSHALL SOPER
(Syd. Olympic)

to hold the ball — and gave the easiest of chances to Monaro newcomer, Derek Todd.

Todd, signed only hours before the game from Newcastle Rosebud, capped his debut with a goal from close range.

But from then onwards it was all Monaro.

Sydney Olympic's second goal came from a sweet move from Soper and hard-working midfielder Peter Raskopoulos, and an even sweeter piece of finishing from Uruguayan midfielder, Vicente Estavillo.

The complete player, Estavillo turned after gathering Raskopoulos's cross and from 22 metres hammered it past the grasping fingers of the goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski into the left hand corner.

That was just six minutes from the half-time break.

But still another goal was to come — this time from Raskopoulos.

Here Monaro paid the penalty for ineffective tackling. Twice Raskopoulos should have been stopped but wasn't until finally he found himself in the clear and struck the ball into the roof of the net.

Fine work — and fine opportunism by the big midfielder.

Two clear at half-time, the second half was but four minutes old when a tragic Monaro defensive blunder again let Sydney Olympic in to score.

Again the ball should have been cleared, again wasn't and when it finally came to Stuart Johnston the third member of the strike force hammered into any empty net.

Three goals clear and Sydney Olympic kept pressing.

Monaro showed magnificent courage by continuing to make a thoroughly entertaining game of it before its season's best crowd.

Monaro created chances, one in particular being unlucky not to succeed when a free kick saw midfielder Ian Witherspoon's cross go only a whisker over the head of bit striker Steve Winn who was in the clear near goal.

Olympic, too, created chances with both Soper and Kalatzis missing narrowly.

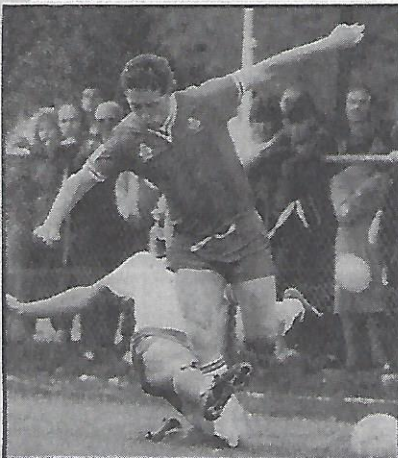
Both teams brought on replacements and still the game went from end to end.

With just three minutes remaining, came the final tragedy for embattled Monaro.

Kalatzis forced his way down the flank, cut out Hoszowski with his low cross and finally veteran full-back Harry Williams, in attempting to clear, turned the ball into his own net.

Not Monaro's day but don't read too much into the result. Monaro has a horrendous injury list and on its own ground is still going to be difficult to defeat.

'Seki': 'We'll change tactics in away games'



● Noel Mitten of George Cross cops a painful kick to the shin from Stuart Cannell of Green Gully. Picture: CARMELLO BAZZANO.

AC-Juventus 7 Foots JUST 1

Scorers: Maxwell 45th, 76th, 85th, Villani 21st, Mullen 42nd, Costanzo 54th, Melts 77th. (ACJ); Lujic 89th (JUST). Venue: Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3200. Referee: Jim Rossie 7. Caution: Belic (JUST).

After nine long hard years of losses and draws Adelaide City Juventus has finally broken through for its first opening home win of an NSL season.

And Juventus did it with style, flair and a brand of systematic team play which promises much for its patient fans.

It's been a long time since Juventus has received a standing ovation at half time and

Allan Crisp

Man of the match:
STEVE MAXWELL
(AC-Juventus)

after the final whistle, but it deserved every plaudit.

The man who sang the praises loudest was Footscray's legendary coach Drago Sekularac. "The score should have been 14-1," he said as he heaped praise on Juventus and its coach Zoran Matic.

"I am surprised by the standard of Australian soccer. Congratulations to Adelaide City

and the tactics of their coach. The result was catastrophic for us, but I have learnt a good lesson from this defeat.

"I know now that my full-backs are not good enough for this national league and that I must play a different way when we play away," Sekularac said.

The great man singled out the Juventus No. 6 (Sergio Melts), No. 10 (Steve Maxwell) and No. 11 (Aurelio Vidmar) for special mention.

He also described Juventus's second goal, scored by Joe Mullen, as "great".

But, while Juventus went within an ace of bettering its previous highest winning margin (10-3) against Mooroolbark in 1977, it paid a high cost for its success.

Midfielder Brian Northcote and Adrian Santrac both suffered injuries which could keep them out of action for several weeks.

Northcote was stretched off in the 38th minute after suffering a suspected tear of his Achilles tendon, while Santrac injured his right knee and had to be replaced in the 28th minute.

On the positive side, Steve Maxwell fulfilled the promise of his fine form for the SA side in India with a splendid hat-trick. Aurelio Vidmar played his best game since being promoted to the NSL team. Joe Mullen was at his scintillating best. Buggy Nyskohus and Neville Flounders were in unflinching defensive form and Sergio Mella returned to his top style, starting at full-back and then in the midfield.

Footscray, by contrast had little to console it except Zdravko Lujic's late goal and the all-wizardry of Vlado Stolic.

Kevin Innes makes debut, Markovski strikes again

Man of the match:
SHAUN PARTON
(George Cross)

George Cross 2 Green Gully 1

Scorers: Mitten penalty 26th, Markovski 83rd (GC); Paul Lewis penalty 90th (GG). Venue: Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2,623. Cautions: Barichello, Denys (GG). Referee: Don Campbell (SA) 9.

John Markovski can't keep out of the limelight. The 15-year-old came on in the 75th minute for Mark Lennon and eight minutes later had George Cross fans yelling his name delightedly after scoring a stunning goal that gave his team a two-goal cushion.

The one moment of joy for struggling Green Gully came in the final minute when referee Don Campbell ruled that Shaun Parton had fouled Paul Lewis and pointed to the penalty spot. Lewis took the kick, luckily sending the ball under the body of Lou Kastner who had guessed right.

Seconds later Campbell whistled for the last time but not to signal an end to the entertainment. On marched the brass band banging and oomp-ing with gusto as George Cross fans swarmed onto the pitch. Soon, Chaplin Reserve was a sea of red and white. Men, women, children and a few stray dogs who had wandered onto the ground wondering what the commotion was about, danced, hugged, sang and barked their hearts out. George Cross was on top of the Southern Division ladder.

Apparently a senior George Cross official had a run-in

with a prominent NSL official last week. The story goes that the prominent NSL official threatened to ban George Cross from the league! I can't elaborate but I can tell any and every NSL official out there that George Cross carries the largest travelling support of any NSL club. That's right, the largest. You can check that claim by contacting officials of Adelaide Hellas.

The stupid criteria for membership of the 1987 NSL (any criteria which puts a club other than Sydney Hakoah above Heidelberg when calculating past performance has to be stupid) doesn't take into account the fact that George Cross took over 300 fans to Adelaide two weeks ago.

But back to Chaplin Reserve. Boy, Green Gully players sure have a strange way of defining the term "team mate". Your ears would curl if you heard some of the exchanges, especially a classic early in the match between Gully captain Gordon Flavell and little Kenny Drakeford.

What the hell's going on? Gully players dropped back from the outset, inviting George Cross to pin them inside their defensive half. And when Cross went forward it was able to play the ball on the ground. So many of Gully's forays ended with a cross into an area dominated by Parton, Tyrone James and Steve Richardson. Mind you, Chris Taylor's no slouch in the air either.

But let's not get carried away with George Cross's performance. It still has a way to go before you'd put money on it for a top five spot and a place in next year's NSL.

But the signs are there. Kevin Innes, who joined recently from Polonia, made his NSL debut and looked good. With big Innes in a central role, the midfield looked well balanced. Left Faulkner was on the right, Don MacLaren was alongside Innes and Mark Lennon was on the left, pushing forward at every opportunity. And Noel Mitten played in his favorite position, alongside Carl Gilder up front.

Yet Gully almost caught George Cross by surprise. In the 6th minute Lou Kastner



Craig MacKenzie

didn't come off his line quickly enough and Paul Lewis's glancing header struck the outside of the post.

A dipping long-range try from MacLaren forced Lou Denys to get down quickly and push the ball wide at the near post, then Parton beat Denys when going for a corner only to head wide.

Denys made a superb save in the 14th minute to deny Gilder who had broken clear and sent in a tremendous drive and George Cross took the lead after Steve McLelland handled in the 26th minute.

Chris Taylor had played the ball long in search of Lennon. McLelland challenged Lennon and clearly handled. The linesman didn't hesitate and referee Campbell heeded his signal. Mitten sent Denys the wrong way and it was 1-0.

Gilder and Mitten combined superbly three minutes later. Mitten laid the ball off to Faulkner on the right of the Gully area but Faulkner blasted it straight well over.

Fabio Barichello and Les Carter switched roles for the start of the second half. Barichello partnering Paul Lewis up front and Carter moving to the left of midfield. It didn't make any difference.

Mitten and Faulkner played a fine one-two in the 65th minute and Faulkner cut the ball back to Gilder whose low shot went just wide of the far post.

George Cross fans had been waiting for Markovski's appearance and gave him a rousing cheer when he came on. He sent them into hysterics shortly after.

Gilder headed the ball across the area to Mitten who brought it down and laid it into Markovski's path. The teenager hit it first time, burying it in the top near corner of the Gully goal. It was electrifying stuff.

Everyone wants to know when George Cross coach John

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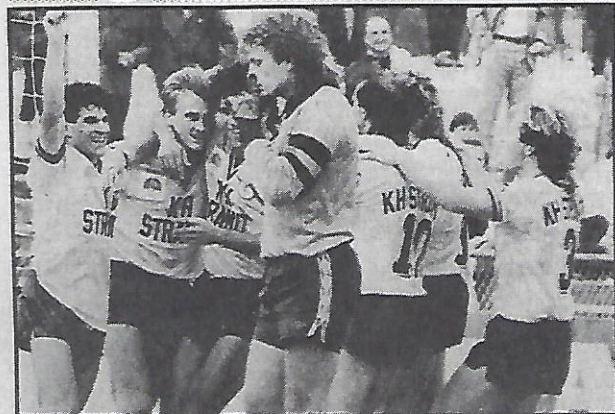


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Angele back, Davo sparkles



Mike Valentine (second from left) is congratulated after scoring Heidelberg's goal, while Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets looks disgusted. Picture: LES SHORROCK

Round one to Rasic



Peter Scott

St. George 0 APIA 1

Scorer: Colaguri 25th.
Venue: St. George Stadium.
Referee: Wane 6.
Crowd: 2133.

"That was the one I wanted to win," Rale Rasic sighed contentedly after the final whistle of a very good clash, which saw his APIA side climb to the top of the Northern Division table.

Much of the midweek hoo-ha in the afternoon Press, involving verbal fusillades between Rasic and Frank Arok was just a beat-up, trying to bring finicky soccer fans out to Barton Park.

However, returning from a period of semi-obscure, Rasic is burning with ambition to out-shine Soccerroo Suprem Arok in this year's league.

The former boss of the national team firmly believes that his services of 12 years ago, when he took our boys to the World Cup finals, have not received the recognition which was his just due.

This manifests itself in an overwhelming desire to outdo Arok and 1986 is the year he hopes to do so, round one to Rasic — and in a most comprehensive fashion.

APIA outperformed the most optimistic expectations of its most ardent fans, especially in the first half.

What turned out to be the winning goal came in the 25th minute when Vince Colaguri neatly placed a loose ball inside the right post, above Skeen's head, following good lead-up work by Bundalo and Stewart.

But the one-goal margin did not reflect the real difference between the two sides at this stage.

The Budapest midfield was busted off the ball more often than not, rendering the strikers isolated and ineffective.

At the other end, APIA's forays were sharp and incisive, time and again finding holes in the home defence.

Vie Bozanic was an ever-present attacking threat against his former team with his right-back position with APIA.

Just two minutes after the goal, St. George was enormously lucky not to be reduced to 10 men. Robbie O'Shea, with a yellow card already in his "credit", yanked Darren Stewart to the ground when he was in full flight. It was only a moment of magnanimity on referee Graham Wane's part that avoided O'Shea having an early shower.

Yugoslav import Zoran Beluzic looked threatening for St. George a couple of times during the early stages, but then he faded and was replaced by Stewart Porter for the second stanza.

Man of the match:
ALEX BUNDALO
(Wollongong)

Porter did create the odd opportunity after the break, mostly for the enigmatic Roy Cotton. An abundantly gifted player in the skills of soccer, Cotton nonetheless fails to live up to his promise most of the time. He had his chances, but missed them, as did Moffitt just two minutes into the second half.

APIA's onslaught dimmed considerably in the final 45 minutes, but still almost managed to widen the gap to two in the 61st.

If they had, the thanks would have been due to the referee who fell for one of the oldest tricks in the book of gamesmanship.

Bozanic, beaten easily by Ratcliffe for a ball, quickly threw himself at the back of the Saint's sweeper and was awarded a free kick from 18 metres. Never mind the fact that poor old Ratcliffe has his back turned to the APIA defender and had no idea about his whereabouts, let alone foul him.

The free kick flashed just wide of Gibson's goal, so it had no influence on the final outcome, but it's decisions like these which play havoc with the nerves and tempers of players, coaches and spectators alike.

To sum up, Budapest could have salvaged a point on the strength of its few chances, but would have done it at the expense of a team which was clearly superior and fully deserving of the two competition points.



Peter Desira

SM-Hellas 0 Heidelberg 1

Scorer: Valentini 72nd.
Venue: Middle Park.
Referee: Chris Bamberidge

6. Cautions: Postecoglou (SMH), Hunter, Angele, MacKie (H).
Send off: McDowell (SMH) 51st.

Three clearances off the line by Heidelberg, the dismissal of Garry McDowell in controversial circumstances, a Heidelberg goal against the run of play, a disallowed goal by Hellas, the emergence of Angie Postecoglou as the finest overlapping fullback in Australia...

That would sum up a game that Hellas never looked like losing... but did!

"If we had scored one we would have won by a bagful but the first just wouldn't come," was how Charlie Egan put it.

While the result could be put down to good defensive work by Heidelberg and a touch of bad luck for Hellas, it was the Garry McDowell send-off that left a bitter taste among the home side's fans.

Coach John Margaritis, not one usually given to criticising referees, was fuming after the match.

McDowell lashed out with a wild kick after clashing with Steve Marley and missed the defender by inches but referee Chris Bamberidge took the intent seriously enough to bring out the red card even though the midfielder had not been booked earlier.

Hellas captain Bobby Russell was more upset with the soft goal which the side let in than the sending-off.

"It was a good game and Heidelberg did well for a young team so I can only wish them well for the rest of the season," he said.

Heidelberg started the match with three central defenders — Andy Higgins, Alan Hunter and Joe Angele — blotting out the threat of Charlie Egan and Doug Brown. Angele was back after a contractual dispute.

The two fullbacks, Ian McKie and Steve Marley, were given freedom to join the midfield and the play worked to the extent that the two Hellas strikers were well contained in the first half.

But the gaps out wide were well exploited by Postecoglou and Alan Davidson and it was Hellas that created the

Man of the match:
ANGIE POSTECOGLU
SM Hellas

chances in the first half with McDowell having three shots at goal all of which missed narrowly.

The dismissal of McDowell acted as a spur for Hellas and the home side had Heidelberg backpedalling for a solid 20 minutes.

Ian McKie cleared a Steve Blair header from a Doug Brown corner off the line in the 54th minute. Brown had a shot on the turn blocked five minutes later, Egan's shot was cleared off the line again soon after, and then Brown shot wide after Davidson had cleverly laid the chance on with a header.

Heidelberg answered all that with a Claude Lucchesi volley which went well wide and another chance for the striker which finished well over.

Then came the goal. Peter Tzolakis pushed the ball through for Mike Valentini and the defence just seemed to back off as the midfielder slid the ball past Peter Laumets.

The pressure continued at the other end, with Steve Marley clearing a header off the line from Brown, and then came the disallowed goal.

Postecoglou again broke free on the left and sent a cross over which Russell headed into the net. But Bamberidge ruled no goal because Egan had bundled over Jeff Oliver in the scoring action.

"It was a free kick and I reckon that unless I challenged Jeff, he would have cut out the cross," Egan said after the match.

With all this pressure it was inevitable that Heidelberg would break away and they came close to adding to the score in the closing minutes.

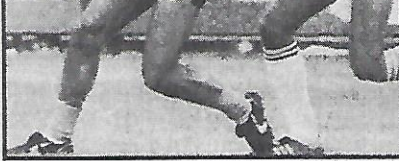
Marley pushed a through ball for Lucchesi who hit a shot on the run into the side netting.

Then Lucchesi ran onto the pass from substitute Paul Tzintzis to hammer a shot which forced Peter Laumets into a good save.

Lucchesi was making his debut for Heidelberg after crossing from Green Gully on Thursday for the \$5000 maximum stipulated in his contract.

Finally a word on the second-half performance of Alan Davidson. The Soccerroo showed some classy touches and proved that his stint in England has enabled him to read the game much better.

Davo is slowly taking over the mantle discarded by Oscar Crino as Hellas' playmaker and maybe national coach Frank Ark should have a closer look at using him in that position in future.



Claude Lucchesi, in his debut for Heidelberg, shields the ball from Angie Postecoglou.

Borges back, Svinos joins

Mike Mikojczyk

Canterbury 1 Canberra 1

Scorers: 1-0 Pettas 8th, 1-1 Junna 41st.
At Arlington Oval
Crowd: 1245
Referee: Robert Davies 8

"Sunday the 6th April, 1986 is a day of great historical significance for everyone involved with the Canterbury-Marickville Olympic Soccer Club" proclaimed the editorial of the official match programme.

Significant indeed, as NSL soccer finally came to Arlington Oval.

It would have been more noteworthy had the "Berries" commemorated the day with their first win in the league.

Canterbury hit back at the prophets of doom who have

Man of the match:
TONY FRANKEN
(Canberra)

predicted a thrashing every time the team steps out onto the park.

The Berries had the better of the scrappy game in which they squandered no less than five gilt-edged scoring chances.

Canberra was quite disappointing and coach Roy Thompson desperately needs reinforcements in defence and attack. Peruvian star Augusto Palacios provided close control and deft touches but needs two fast strikers running off him to penetrate opposing defences.

And Canberra's defence has a dreadful habit of being caught square. It was vulnerable even to Canterbury's meagre attack.

The Berries, with quicksilver Chris Thamnidis on the left flank, ably supported by the wily skills of midfielder Nello Borges, back in the side after money hassles, often tore through the opposition on the quick counter-attack.

Their first quick counter, instigated by Borges in the 8th minute, produced a goal by John Pettas from Mario Philippou's cross. The goal stunned the visitors and probably some of the Canterbury players too.

Canberra did not panic. It tried to play its way out of trouble, but on most occasions its intricate combinations were easily dealt with by the Berries' defence.

New acquisition from Sydney Olympic, Arthur Svinos, converted into a sweeper by coach Kapetanovic, played soundly and added some authority to the back four.

Meanwhile, Philippou and Pettas failed in front of Franken's goal and at the other end Gibson's effort was clearly virtually off the goal-line for a corner.

In the 41st minute the scores were level. Stopper George Haniotis mistimed a header (one of many in this match) and Ray Junna nipped in to blast a shot which keeper Ian Barker got a hand to but couldn't keep out of the net.

After some choice words at half time from both coaches, the teams repeated their first half performance minus the goals.

Goalkeeper Tony Franken earned a point for his side, saving two vicious drives from Borges in the 53rd and 56th minutes. Then, in injury time, he stopped fleet-footed winger Thamnidis in his tracks.

Canterbury managed to repulse Junna's and Byrne's efforts in the dying minutes, thereby vacating bottom position on the ladder.

The media is going to have to survive rather than prime conditions at Arlington Oval this season. The only phone available is in the old change-room complex and the area cordoned off for the press consists of four rows of seats at the back of the grandstand on the opposite side of the field. Needless to say, visibility of the pitch leaves much to be desired, but at least one is assured of a drv seat on those

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Grandstand for Makedonia!



Ken Kontra

Makedonia 0 Brisb Lions 0

Crowd: Approx 2000
Referee: Evan Venios
Cautions: Dobson 47th (Mak), R. Stewart 16th (B.L.).

The Makedonia supporters have something to look forward to! According to president George Krashoov, the local council has approved a grant of \$60,000 towards a grandstand. Plans have already been submitted to the authorities and work should commence

As far as entertaining soccer is concerned, this match turned out to be a non-event! Sure, there was plenty of effort and enthusiasm put in by both teams and there were some chances at either end, but overall, the game lacked finesse.

Actually, the highlight was provided by the referee, Evan Venios. Caught in a scrimmage, Venios finished up flat on his back, minus his left boot. He was up quickly though, and with play continuing, the crowd was treated to the unusual spectacle of the referee running around with the whistle in one hand and his left boot in the other. Unfortunately, Venios exhausted his repertoire with this effort, and with the linesmen refusing to contribute, there was no further relief from the game in progress.

Makedonia started confidently enough, and had the upper hand for the first 30 minutes. George Petrov, Gary

saved by Wayne Evans and but for poor final passing and some inept finishing, the home team could have grabbed a handy lead.

In the 32nd minute, John Stewart had Brisbane Lions' first shot at goal, but Phil Traianedes was equal to the task and held the ball clearly, diving to his right. From this point, the visitors gained control of the midfield and could have grabbed the two points with more positive play in the attacking third, but even a one-on-one situation against Traianedes, Jim Morton and John Ogden failed miserably in the 50th and 68th minutes respectively.

Makedonia midfielder, and indeed perhaps the only player on the field, who tried to play the game simple, keeping the ball on the deck and knocking easy passes to the feet of his teammates. Unfortunately, his initiative did not find many followers as most passes were either off target or easy prey for defenders at either end of the field.

Ilioski was somewhat surprisingly substituted in the 80th minute, with young George

Man of the match:
ZORAN ILIOSKI
(Makedonia)

plained after the match that Ilioski is not fully fit yet, and bringing on a fresh forward could have broken the deadlock in the final few minutes. Fair comment, although there were others who could and should have been taken off.

Makedonia had chances in the second half, the easiest by far just before the final whistle. Ron Campbell found himself clear, about seven metres from goal, but his weak effort was easily saved by Wayne Evans.

It was a fair result in the end, as neither team produced sufficient good soccer to deserve two points.

In fairness, it must be added, that Makedonia and Brisbane Lions had several key players out with injuries disrupting pre-season preparation, and both suffer from a consequential imbalance of fitness in



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Referee: Roger Doneau 7.

A devastating nine-minute spell early in the second half that produced three goals put paid to any chance Newcastle had of salvaging anything out of this game.

Playing with the aid of a sudden southerly buster and the vociferous support of what must have been the total New-

Joe Lanzoni



castle Croatian community, Sydney Croatia played some entertaining and at times quite brilliant football.

This was due to the decision of Zarko Odzakovic to take the game by the scruff of the neck and when the Australian international decides to play he is almost unstoppable.

He loafed around in the first

45 minutes in which he only burst onto the scene two minutes before the interval when he broke away from the defence before passing to Graham Arnold on the right to open the scoring.

Up until then, Odzakovic hardly was seen, but he certainly

made his presence felt in the second half.

He combined well with new signing Manis Lamond to score the second goal and generally had the fans jumping to their feet everytime he came into contact with the ball.

Vedran Rozic had secured the transfer of Lamond on the morning of the match and he was quick to bring him on at half time in place of Dragicevic.

Ironically, Lamond's first shot at goal for his new club literally hit the corner flag, but he did not take long to adjust his aim when only two minutes later he turned a cut back from

Man of the match: ZARKO ODZAKOV (Syd. Croatia)

the right by Ante Rumora towards the net, forcing Clint Gosling to perform a magnificent save from point blank range.

Newcastle gave as good as it got, especially in the first half, where it could easily have gone in at the interval at least

on level terms and possibly in front.

Apart from the obvious disparity in the class between the sides there was very little between them in terms of shots and chances.

Sean Ingham's speed off the mark was creative some dangerous gaps in the star-studded Croatian defence but due to lack of support the home team couldn't capitalise.

A goal at that stage could have done wonders to the confidence of this young side, and even when Newcastle managed to get shots in it found Watson in superlative form.

Newcastle's English recruit John Cavanah did manage to get some telling balls in behind the defence, one in particular in the first half should have resulted in a goal, but generally he had a quiet game.

One player that did not deserve to be on the losing side was former Australian youth captain Ralph Maier who fought valiantly against the odds when the going was at its hardest.

Croatia is a side brimful of class and judging by his debut, Lamond's speed, after a short period of adjustment should be a great asset to Croatia's quest to win the championship.



Alex Vesic

Roberto Vieri super coach!

Marconi 3 Syd. Hakoah 2

At Marconi Stadium.
Scorers: Driene 2nd, Brown 11th, Henderson 83rd (M); Kosmina 24th, Farina 73rd (SH).

Crowd: 2,035.
Referee: Stuart Mellings (Vic).

Cautions: Kosmina, Kay (SH), Sterry, Brown (M). Roberto Vieri the master player with an array of Italian clubs to his name, turned master coach in the closing stages of Marconi's encounter with Hakoah.

Leading 2-0 after only 11 minutes of play, Marconi relaxed. Hakoah equalised and looked set to take the points until 13 minutes from time when Vieri sent his champion player into battle, Tony Henderson.

Henderson, hardly had time to warm up as a defence-splitting pass from David Lowe came his way in the 83rd minute. He raced forward then inexplicably put the brakes on before sending in a poor shot at goal which finished way past the post. Maybe, just maybe, Henderson was aware of the presence of Gerry Gomez breathing down his neck as he set sail for Hakoah's goal.

Only three minutes later the situation was quite different. A Hakoah defender made a terri-

Man of the match: BRUCE JAMES (Marconi)

ble error, back passing to Rod Brown who took off for goal.

Brown was supported by Henderson on the right and Peter Tredinnick on the left. Brown passed to Henderson who dummed Gomez, then slammed in a perfect left footer which left Alex McPherson stranded.

That made it game, set and match!

Let us go back to the closing stages. Marconi was on the receiving end for more than an hour and its 2-0 lead had gone with defeat staring it in the face. Henderson appeared and lifted his side to new heights and his first attempt at goal although poorly directed, was the start of an onslaught which could have earned more goals for the home team.

Only a minute after Marconi led 3-2, Tredinnick missed a sitter with his head. Then a further minute later, Lowe picked up a poor back pass to round McPherson but Alex Robertson was on hand to clear.

Instead of being 5-2, the



● Marconi's Ian Gray (left) and Hakoah's Robert Hooker race after the ball at Marconi Stadium last weekend. Marconi won 3-2. Picture: ALEX VESIC.

scoreline was 3-2 and could have been 3-3 in the last minute of play as Frank Farina broke through. Bruce James the man of the match, was out in a flash to dive at the feet of Paul Kay, who had been set up by Farina.

It was not the only time James had to come off his line and save. Earlier, Farina had the time and space to beat the Marconi custodian but James was too alert and too quick.

Then Gomez, had a great chance. The scoreline read 0-2 when he failed James only to lob the ball over the bar!

It was most the only notable error from the big Sydney Hakoah defender who played with gusto.

In the 24th minute, John Kosmina was on hand to gather the ball after a fine run by Farina. Well inside the box, Farina saw the opening and slid his pass to Kosmina who could have scored with his eyes closed and easily made it 2-1.

Farina scored a great goal in

the 73rd minute. A cross by Kay was met with a fierce header from Farina which surprised James to nestle just inside the post. But on the day that wasn't enough.

Others to impress were Robertson, Joe Watson and Jean Paul de Marigny for Hakoah while Marconi had its best in James, Lowe, Tredinnick and Robbie Wheatley.

The game threatened to erupt during the first period but settled down during the second half mainly due to the practical thinking of the players, rather than the consistency of referee Mellings, who issued four bookings while some offenders went unpunished.

Two over-the-ball tackles by one of Australia's senior players left two Marconi players licking their wounds at the end of the match. It's time that players who commit these tackles are punished and punished harshly.

Man of the match: BERNIE GODZIK (Wollongong)

Rivero hurt, Arcaro looks good

Andrew Dettre



Blacktown 1 Wollongong 0

Score: Thornwaite 49min.
Venue: Toongabbie.
Crowd: 1342.
Referee: Jim Reeves.
Cautions: Giraldi, Rivero (W).

Luckless Wollongong's two new Uruguayan recruits weren't enough to secure it even a single point.

Blacktown, a lacklustre but busy side, weathered a second half Wollongong storm and even survived some hairy moments, thanks to Lady Luck and a dubious refereeing decision.

In the end it won a dour struggle to gain four points from two games.

Most of the first half lacked any fluent action. One or two touches of Saul Rivero received applause from the Co-gnoscenti while his Uruguayan Colleague, Leonal Arcosa was trying to find his feet, having only arrived three days earlier from Montevideo.

In the dying seconds of the first half, actually in injury time — goalie David Curtis had to be revived after a charge by Robert Giraldi — Blacktown got what, later turned out to be the winner. Brett Thornwaite tapped a rebound from a metre or so.

Wollongong lost Rivero for the second half with a badly pulled hamstring muscle. He could well be out for weeks.

But the colored Arcaro — a tall, strong man built more like sugar Ray Robinson — began to make his presence felt.

First he sent a superb shot, from at least 35 metres, crashing against the post, with the ball wobbling in the air all the way.

Then he started to spray some magic passes around, all with radar-like accuracy.

Willie Murray, the Hakoah discard, made some remarkable stolon runs among the Blacktown defenders, in the 63rd minute he sent a lovely header into the far corner only to see it disallowed, for alleged offside — which even Blacktown fans failed to see.

Wollongong's last chance

came four minutes from the end when the polished Bernie Godzik's freekick was headed well by Ray Vliestra, from a few metres.

Blacktown threatened the 'gong goal only occasionally. Robbie Slater, unable to rest his injured right foot with a chipped bone, isn't this old self yet.

The star of its side was newcomer Peter Denver, 28, an Englishman, giving a very polished display.

It's risky, perhaps, to make rash forecasts based on an early season match — but why the heck not?

I really feel that Blacktown Hill will soon begin to slip back from the top but Wollongong could have a surprisingly good season, especially if Murray, Godzik and the two amigos from Uruguay begin to click as a unit.

Just for the record! According to members of the Uru-

guayan colony here, Arcosa, 28 has better credentials than Rivero, also 28.

Arcosa played for champion Penarol and then Rampla Juniors; Rivero was with Liverpool, before moving to First Division clubs in Uruguay. Both play in midfield, both are tall, powerful men, if slightly on the slow side.

Only time will tell whether they will become the success stories of earlier South American Pioneers here, such as Eduardo Massey, Hugo Rodriguez, Victor Fernandez, Luis Gauto and Ricardo Campana or whether they will sink into the mediocrity that is our bread and butter soccer.

Asked what was wrong with

goalkeeper Mirko Runje who had the worst case of goal-keeper jitters I've ever seen, Bieleberg said: "He is a young man who got a lot of publicity too early and who has his mind on other things too often." Runje made some horrible mistakes, especially in the second half, although it would be completely unfair to blame him for the defeat.

Croatia captain Steve Gojevic was out injured, and Davor Todoric was on the bench. Luka Bonacic was back after missing a match due to a toe injury, and Robert Markovic was up front. Juventus still had Joe Sweeney out injured.

For some reason, Juventus is using Robbie Cullen on the left flank although he uses his left foot only for standing on, and has always played on the right. Nevertheless, Cullen performed with all his customary determination, fighting like a tiger against both Biskic and Deankovic.

It was on the other side, however, that Juventus won the match.

And Paul Wade is the man who did the damage.

Ante Ljubic appeared in two minds about whether he was playing exclusively in attack, or whether he should drop back and pick up Wade. Luke Bonacic and Jim Campbell weren't marking Wade either.

So Croatia paid the penalty, when Wade ran into the box unattended, to put away a short ball from Scott Patterson in the 15th minute.

Deankovic displayed his extraordinary skill in the 31st minute, making ground on the right and relaying the ball via Gary Ward to Ljubic whose shot, however, came off the side of his boot.

Asked what was wrong with



Man of the match: MIKE PETERSEN (Juventus)

Melb Croatia 0 BU Juventus 4

Scorers: Wade 15th & 39th, Zinni 68th & 85th.
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: about 3600.
Referee: Gary Power (NSW) 7.

Cautions: McIntosh (Cr), Brown (J).

Mike Petersen, who had tried to join South Melbourne Hellas during the week, declared before the game that he aimed to get back into the Socceroo squad, but was worried by his indifferent form. After helping to destroy Croatia, he need worry no longer.

Petersen and his fellow midfielders made all the play and also prevented Croatia from getting into stride. Josip Biskic's combinations with Drago Deankovic on the right were all Croatia offered in reply to Petersen, John Dowie, Paul Wade and Robbie Cullen.

Brian Brown crushed the Croatia forward line which found it difficult enough without support from midfield, Andrew Zinni who offered himself for every forward pass, was justly rewarded with two goals and would have scored a few more with a bit of luck and without the interference of George Hannah who cleared shots from Zinni and Petersen off the goal line.

And so Mirko Bieleberg tasted defeat for the first time in 13 matches since he took over from Domagoj Kapetanovic as Croatia's coach. Croatia won the Dockerty Cup, the Bultin Cup and the Ansett Challenge Shield in that time.

Bieleberg did have one victory at Olympic Park on Sunday. Having complained about sitting in the coaches' dugouts which are much too far from the pitch, he succeeded in having benches put on the running track to bring the coaches closer to the play.

On this day, though, he probably would have preferred staying home.

When it was put to him that his midfielders had failed to pick up their opponents and had failed to work hard enough for the ball, he said: "Maybe you are right, but maybe Juventus just played so well that we couldn't do anything about it. I just hope that my players will learn from this."

Asked what was wrong with



Laurie Schwab



● Andrew Zinni of Juventus who scored two goals, lines up a shot as Luka Bonacic (left) and Jim Campbell look on. Picture: by ALESSANDRO GRILLI.

Eight minutes later, Wade again was unmarked as he ran onto a short pass from Patterson and belted a great shot from the edge of the penalty area, inside the near post — a position which should have been covered by Runje.

Croatia started the second period on the attack, until Brian Brown steamrolled Ward who needed treatment.

Croatia's only clear scoring chance came in the 55th minute.

Biskic, marginally onside, got away in a break and played it square into the box. Ward couldn't reach the ball but Robert Markovic did. He had the goal at his mercy, with Juventus's defence in disarray, but shot past the post.

Things changed again in Croatia's midfield when Bonacic was replaced by Todoric in the 55th minute, just before Patterson headed narrowly wide.

Shortly afterwards, John Gusevic replaced Ward, and took over as the minder of Wade.

Ljubic was playing as a central striker now, as Hannah headed off the line a drive from Petersen. Seconds later, Zinni scored No.3 with a header.

Joventus now started hitting Croatia on the break. Runje raced out towards Zinni who fell, but got back onto his feet to launch a shot at goal. Hannah, however, headed off the line.

Bonovic did well to save a high shot from Markovic and the match ended with Zinni scoring No.4 with a shot off the crossbar after a corner by Dowie in the 85th minute.

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World Cup count-down: No.12 — SCOTLAND

Scots prefer their underdog image

Mexico will see Scotland make its fourth successive World Cup finals appearance — a claim only five other countries — West Germany, Brazil, Poland, Argentina and Italy — can make.

Inclusion in such a distinguished group is a source of much pride for the Scots, but the fact that they suffered first-round elimination on goal difference in each of the past three Mundials evokes frustration in equal measure.

Progress to Stage Two in Mexico therefore will be regarded as a significant breakthrough, particularly as the draw could hardly have been kinder.

Uruguay, West Germany and Denmark are a formidable trio, but the Scots do have the advantage of travelling without any great expectation of success and go into every match as underdogs — a situation they will prefer, for their record against international soccer's lesser lights is abysmal.

The 1986 Caledonians should avoid similar embarrassments. Their side is solid enough, including in its ranks Jim Leighton, Richard Gough, Alex McLeish, Steve Nicol, Willie Miller, Graeme Souness and Jim Bett — all of whom command respect at international level.

But, to make a real impact, Scotland requires Kenny Dalglish to, at last, show the full extent of his capabilities at a Mundial and the enigmatic Gordon Strachan, Charlie Nicholas, Dave Cooper and Pat Nevin to produce the goods when it really matters.

Such eventualities, plus the luck which was absent in West Germany, Argentina and Spain, may well be sufficient for Scotland to overcome the first-stage barrier and even progress to the quarter finals — and that would surely warrant a ticker-tape reception down the centre of Glasgow upon the team's return.

Qualification for the last eight doubtless will satisfy Scotland's loyal, long suffering fans and is not totally beyond the bounds of possibility.

'Thank God for Kenny Dalglish'

From ROBERT PHILIP

Though never one to eulogise, Bob Paisley was frequently moved to admit: "Every night I go down on my knees and thank God I signed Kenny Dalglish."

Paisley is not alone in his admiration for Dalglish, now player-manager at Liverpool.

The 35-year-old Scot is regarded with genuine warmth throughout football for his dedication and sportsmanship.

Although Dalglish, who gained his 100th cap against Romania last month, has used himself sparingly as a player this season, his will be the first name Scotland manager Alex Ferguson writes down when selecting his final World Cup squad.

And that will give Dalglish the opportunity to link up with the two men he would most like to have alongside him at Liverpool — former team-mate Graeme Souness, now with Sampdoria in Italy, and Arsenal's Charlie Nicholas.

While Dalglish inspires affection, Souness and Nicholas are viewed rather less fondly by players and fans alike. Nicholas is the most naturally gifted British player since George Best, but his flamboyant approach is often dismissed as self-indulgence.

Souness commands grudging respect. His skills are undeniable but, to use a football euphemism, the Scottish captain has gained a reputation for retaliating first.

To describe Dalglish simply as a professional footballer is like calling Van Gogh a painter.

There is a saying in Liverpool that the Anfield terraces even applaud his mis-

takes — but they have been something of a collector's item since he joined Liverpool from Glasgow Celtic in 1977.

Honored by the Queen for his services to football, Dalglish's record places him among the truly all-time European greats.

● Veteran of the 1974, 1978 and 1982 World Cups, 100 international caps and scorer of 31 goals for Scotland — a record he shares with Denis Law.

● Holder of three European Cup and five English championship winners' medals (Liverpool), five Scottish Cup and five league medals (Celtic).

● The only man to have scored over 100 league goals in both England and Scotland.

● The youngest person to be made a "Free Man" of the city of Glasgow, an "honour" which, among other things, permits him to hang out his washing on a Sunday.

A non-smoker and non-drinker, Dalglish's passion for football remains as fierce as when he burst onto the scene as a precocious 17-year-old in the late Jack Stein's exciting Celtic side at the end of the 1960s.

Despite his place in football folklore, Dalglish remains almost painfully modest and has steadfastly refused to admit he will be indispensable in Mexico — even after an inspirational display in the 3-0 victory over the Romanians.

"I would love to go to Mexico, but I don't want to be a liability," he said at the end of an emotional night during which he was presented with a trophy of a silver cap by West German manager Franz Beckenbauer.

"I have a great respect for Alex Ferguson and I will stand by his decision . . . I

certainly won't be putting him under any pressure."

But Ferguson echoed the thoughts of all five million Scots when he said: "It wasn't an easy game for Kenny because the Romanians did not want to be patsies for his 100th cap. He must have felt really nervous, but we still saw his touch and vision."

While Dalglish will be the major threat to West Germany, Uruguay and Denmark in Mexico, the mere sight of Souness will strike fear into the hearts of the opposition.

The Scotland skipper, a swaggering pirate in midfield, is the complete player — possessor of a venomous shot, passer of rare imagination, a tackler of fearsome ferocity.

Souness' haughty air — one Scottish team-mate dubbed him "Mr. Chocolate" because he would lick himself if he was — is misleading for he is an inspiration to those around him both on the pitch and in the dressing room.

After a troubled spell at Tottenham during which he suffered acute homesickness, Souness made his name at Middlesbrough before moving on to Liverpool where he formed a telepathic understanding and close friendship with Dalglish.

Souness became Dalglish's self-appointed bodyguard at Anfield and any opponent unwise enough to foul "Little Kenny" tended to incur the wrath of his "minder" at some later stage in the game.

While Dalglish and Souness will be given the role of creating openings in Mexico, Ferguson will be looking to Nicholas to produce goals.

The Arsenal striker, who, perhaps mistakenly, turned down Liverpool to go to Highbury, remains an enigma.

On sheer talent, he can be as exciting as Zico, Maradona or Platini when the mood takes him.

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as Frank McAvennie in cup match in Glasgow

at schoolboy, youth and under 21. Spent entire career with

ERDURD MACLEOD (Celtic): Eky, aggressive, hard-running man, who joined Celtic from mbarnton in a \$200,000 transfer in 1977. Has participated in professional prize, which are major features in the Scottish sporting scene, and is known as "The Mighty Atom" to Celticans.

ORDON STRACHAN (Manchester United): Gifted, flame-haired, wisp midfielder, who has been dogged by inconsistency at international level. He won three Scottish Cup winners' medals with Celtic, before a \$1,000,000 transfer took him to Manchester United in 1977. A consistent performer during qualifying rounds, his cautious, trod style in midfield was ped by an extended period as a plan League professional. After his with Airdrie, Dundee and Vate (Iceland), he joined Lokeren and

ed, Allison too

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● Former Borussia Moechengladbach and West Germany star Berti Vogts, now coach of his country's youth and under 21 selections, has been diagnosed as having angina and, therefore, is unlikely to succeed retiring senior national coach Franz Beckenbauer after the World Cup finals, as the West German federation originally planned.

● One of East Germany's top players, Frank Lippmann, failed to return home with Dynamo Dresden last month from a European Cup Winner's Cup match in West Germany.

In East Berlin, the official news agency ADN last week described Lippmann, 24, as a "former footballer for Dynamo Dresden."

"Frank Lippmann has betrayed his team for a large amount of money which enemies of sport in the West offered him and has not returned to the GDR (East Germany) after the match against Bayer Uerdingen," the ADN report said.

Bayer Uerdingen's manager Reinhard Roder, who reported Lippmann missing to police, and the West German Soccer Federation (DFB) said they did not know where he was.

● Kevin Mabbutt, the former England youth international, who was reported to be joining West Adelaide Hellas and Brisbane Lions earlier this year, has signed for Cypriot club Apollon Nicosia.

● George Graham, the ambitious boss of English Second Division side Millwall, is being linked with managerial posts at First Division Arsenal and Aston Villa, two of his former clubs. The ex-Scotland international admits to having good friends at the clubs, both of which are likely to appoint new managers in the summer.

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Giornata trionfale per i colori bianconeri domenica scorsa. Le Juventus di Adelaide e Melbourne hanno imperversato cogliendo due risentite vittorie con undici reti all'attivo, contro una subita.

Il risultato più altisonante è stato quello di Adelaide dove le zebre locali hanno inflitto un umiliante 7-1 al JUST di Sekulac che molti avevano affrettatamente descritto come uno degli squadrone del campionato.

I bianconeri di Matic si sono imposti così all'attenzione di tutti dopo aver presentato il biglietto da visita la settimana precedente quando avevano messo in seria difficoltà l'Heidelberg a Melbourne. Senza alcun acquisto la formazione di Adelaide c'è riuscita finalmente ad esprimere in risultati la riconosciuta classe di uomini come Maxwell, Mullen, Villani, Melta, Nyskous e compagni.

Ovviamente il nuovo allenatore Matic deve avere molto del merito nello spettacolare miglioramento di rendimento di una squadra che l'anno scorso, aveva fatto la parte della comparsa. Anche se è troppo presto per darsi a facili entusiasmi, è innegabile che la Juventus di Adelaide quest'anno darà molto filo da torcere a qualsiasi avversaria.

La consorella di Melbourne, pur non avendo raggiunto un risultato tecnico, non è stata da meno. Dopo le incertezze delle precedenti settimane in cui gli uomini di McKendry erano usciti battuti di misura dai confronti con il Croatia (Coppa Nonda) e l'Hellas (prima di capitanato), i campioni d'Australia sono esplosi con terrificante potenza ed hanno letteralmente spazzato via lo squadrone del Croatia che non perdeva da tredici settimane.

Rispetto alle prestazioni precedenti, l'impostazione tattica della Juventus ha subito una

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leggera variante con una manovra a più ampio respiro e maggior uso delle fasce laterali sulle quali hanno corso Culen e Wade con effetto micidiale, al centro dell'attacco è stato creato abbastanza spazio con l'alternarsi di Zinni e Patterson in posizione d'ala per permettere l'inserimento di Wade e Petersen nelle azioni risolutive.

Con questa pur leggera flessione di impostazione, la Juventus ha spesso attaccato in quattro uomini e tre delle quattro reti sono scaturite da azioni condotte coralmemente con uno o due uomini a portata di mano per appoggiare l'uomo in possesso della palla o pronti a ricevere il passaggio finale.

I centrocampisti hanno trovato il maggior spazio particolarmente proficuo alla manovra di avvicinamento e rifornimento ed hanno pompato palloni in avanti in continuazione potendo avvantaggiarsi anche del fatto che la difesa avversaria era limitata a difendersi affannosamente, praticamente inchiodata nella propria area dalle veloci incursioni e dai repentini spostamenti di Patterson e Zinni che sono state spine nel fianco di Curcio e compagni, specialmente Zinni che ha cercato la via della rete da tutte le posizioni ed ha fatto impazzire il suo diretto avversario di turno.

La difesa bianconera ha fatto la parte del gatto con il topo per gran parte della par-

tita con un Brown superlativo sulle palle alte che piovano in area nel tentativo dei croati di neutralizzare il centrocampo dove erano stralciati in continuazione.

Unico appunto da muovere alla difesa bianconera è la troppa disinvoltura con cui Yzendoorn si avventura in avanti causando paurosi vuoti in caso di contropiede avversario, poiché ne Peter Lewis ne Brown hanno lo spunto di velocità per contrastare veloci puntate avversarie.

E' pur vero che il contributo di Yzendoorn alle azioni di alleggerimento e di attacco e l'asso nella manica della Juventus, ma le sue sortite dovrebbero essere fatte un tantino più giudiziosamente e con l'automatizzato arretramento di un uomo a proteggere le spalle di Brown e Lewis da possibili contropiedi avversari.

Pur non volendosi far prendere da facili entusiasmi, il modo come la Juventus ha ridimensionato il Croatia domenica scorsa è una indicazione attendibile di quanto ci si possa aspettare dalla squadra del presidente Caruso quest'anno. La Juve "stile Margaritis" con la perdita di parte della manovra e il guadagno di maggior grinta e pressione continua sull'avversario.

Alcune vittorie come quella di domenica e una maggiore intesa fra l'insostituibile Zinni e Patterson in avanti (e non dimentichiamoci che debbono ancora rientrare Sweeney e In-

cantalupi) potrebbero ben presto far svaiare il "mito Margaritis" e installare Len McKendry al suo posto.

Oltre al fatto di essere impossibili i paragoni fra allenatori sono sempre antipatici, ma è ovvio che McKendry ha trovato alla Juventus un ambiente, naturalmente ostile perché è sempre difficile prendere il posto di un allenatore che ha portato la squadra alla conquista del titolo nazionale dopo quindici lunghi anni di digiuno precedente.

Ma McKendry, come Margaritis del resto, ha la fortuna di avere alla Juventus un presidente-team manager come Joe Caruso che gli accorda completa fiducia, massima collaborazione e lo difende a spada tratta contro tutti e tutto, creando così le condizioni ideali in cui un tecnico può esprimere le sue qualità.

Domenica prossima la Juventus Adelaide in quel George Cross che fino ad ora resta l'unica vera rivelazione del campionato e conduce la classifica a punteggio pieno. E' molto probabile però che il meteorite maledico si schianterà sul terreno dell'Olympic Park frantumandosi irrimediabilmente.

Sulla carta abbastanza facile la trasferta della Juventus Adelaide in quel di Brisbane dove affronterà il Lions. Sangue ed arena ad Heidelberg che ospiterà il ferito del Croatia e partita della verità a Footscray dove il crivellato JUT ospiterà il S.M. Helles.

Nel girone settentrionale importanti vittorie dell'APIA e del Marconi si avversano blasonati come il St. George di Arok e il Sydney City di Thomson.



Jed Stenson out for six weeks

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



● Jed Stenson

A broken jaw is unlikely to stop striker Greg House lining up for West-ern Suburbs at Ross Reserve on Sunday but Suburbs will go into the game without classy midfielder Jed Stenson who will be out of action for six weeks.

Stenson was hurt by a Jim O'Reilly tackle two weeks ago and X-rays revealed two hair-line fractures in an ankle.

House had to be replaced two weeks ago after a clash with Morwell goalie Romeo Prezioso. House's broken jaw won't have to be wired and the Springvale camp is keen to have the former Knox and Melbourne Croatia striker line up against Suburbs in what is a vital game as both sides have top four aspirations.

Suburbs will have striker Darren Tuck back from suspension. He'll play up front with Bobby McGuinness and perhaps Liam McCluskey, enabling David Smallman to drop into midfield alongside Steve Kakantonis and Dennis McLeod.

Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan is unlikely to use Mike Bissinger to tag McGuinness. That job probably will go to either Gary Hobson or Martin Vogel with Bissinger marking Tuck.

Suburbs' central defenders Andy Esposito and Steve Dimovski and left back Billy Hamill played well against Caulfield last weekend but they'll find little House and Russell Athersych tough to tame.

There doesn't seem to be a lot between these sides so I'll go for a draw.

Croydon should stay on top of the ladder by beating Caulfield at Princes Park on Saturday.

Although Angie Koutos returns from injury to strengthen

the Caulfield defence, Croydon just has too many big guns up front in Graham French, Andy Humble and Dave Brogan.

Koutos's return releases Jim Sahinidis from the sweeper's role and he'll go back into midfield alongside Tiger Aamanatidis.

The presence of Mick McGorran, Paul Hennessy and Dave Ferris on the Frankston Pines bench emphasises the depth of the squad at coach Danny McMinimee's disposal and Pines can continue their unbeaten run by accounting for Polonia at Monterey Reserve on Saturday.

Frank Macleod, Robbie Nelson, Peter Thurlow, John Cumming and Dennis Boland won't let much get past and if wee Stan Webster and Ally Dick do the business up front, Pines have nothing to fear.

St. Albans Dinamo should make it two wins on end when it meets Northcote at Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

Two of the most motivated players in the Dinamo line-up will be former Northcote stars

Mark Wilson and Branko Culina and if they run the show in midfield, Dinamo should get up.

Morwell Falcons are languishing at the bottom of the league ladder. Frankly, that surprises me, after the club's fine showing in the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Thomastown has its problems too so perhaps Falcons will get a point when they meet at Partridge Reserve on Sunday. If that's the day that the Peter Vercheria-Ian Stirton partnership hits it off, Thomastown goalie Mauro Raponi is in for a particularly busy time.

Box Hill can beat Fawkner at Wembley Park on Sunday provided that Alan Rodhouse keeps Joe Palinkas in check and livewire Fawkner striker Bruno Cozzella also is shackled.

Fawkner isn't that strong at the back so young George Gagic could get his name onto the scoresheet again for his new club. He scored Box Hill's winner last weekend on his debut. Ringwood, Wertheim and Melbourne Hungaria will battle to push clear of the relegation zone throughout the season and I think they'll share the spoils at Jubilee Park on Sunday.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
Caulfield City v Croydon at Princes Park, 3pm.

ST ALBANS DINAMO v Northcote at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.

FRANKSTON PINES v Polonia at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
Springvale City v Western Suburbs (draw) at Ross Reserve, 3pm.
Thomastown v Morwell (draw) at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.
Ringwood v Wertheim (draw) at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
Box Hill v Fawkner at Wembley Park, 3pm.

SOS: PLAYERS NEEDED

Heidelberg-Bundoora coach Ollie Norris has issued an urgent SOS to save the club.

He desperately needs players. The situation is so serious that three committeemen, pot bellies and all, had to play in the reserves in 30 degree heat a few

weeks ago, just to make up the members.

The senior team managed a draw with Karingal last weekend, but Norris has only the bare minimum of 11 players.

"I'd like to hear from coaches of other clubs, who might like a game on Saturdays, and of course from young players as well," Norris said.

Norris was a star player with Wertheim and Croatia Melbourne and Bournemouth in England.

He has coached Footscray U.S.T. among others.

Players interested in a game with Heidelberg-Bundoora in the Victorian Fourth Division should ring the club on 487 3880 on a training night - Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 6.30pm.

MONEY NO PROBLEM

Holland Park needs a sweeper and stopper. Money is no problem. Ring Abdullah Saglam on 347 3196.



● Coburg, back row: Frankie Loughran (coach), Alan Wilmot, John Curcio, Ben Tuyau, Fab Gaudi, Stef Mancinelli, Robert Malcolm, Steve Cummins, Ken Taylor (team manager). Front: Paul Malcolm, Mark Lewis, Paul Scarlett, Charlie Vella, Gary Mallachan, Martin Sacco. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO.

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Duзел set for Dinamo!

St Albans Dinamo is waiting on an international clearance for 22-year-old attacking midfielder Ivan Duзел and once it's granted he'll be on the first flight to Australia.

Duзел plays with Yugoslavia Division club Gork in Zagreb. He has stints with Hajduk Split and Dinamo Zagreb and is highly rated by Melbourne Croatia star Davor Todoric.

Duзел will join a Dinamo side chockful of confidence after its convincing 3-0 win over Morwell Falcons at North Crinigan Reserve last Sunday.

It hit the front in the 25th minute after a Morwell defender handled and Branko Culina converted the resultant penalty with ease.

A few minutes later Danny Dezic put Morovic through into a one-on-one situation with Romeo Prezioso but Morovic shot inches wide. He made up for it in the second half though with firm shots in the 60th and 75th minutes.

You're right, Jim
"In the first half, we played the best we've played so far in State League," said Caulfield coach Takis Svingos after watching his team go down to Western Suburbs 0-2.

Suburbs coach Jimmy Kondilis couldn't believe that Svingos had made the remark.

"Come on, I hear people saying that Caulfield can make the top four and maybe win the league. That's ridiculous. It takes time to establish yourself in this league and that's the best Caulfield can hope for this year. If it does that and I think it will, then it can start to building for a go at the top four and maybe, just maybe, the championship," said Kondilis.

And I echo his sentiments. Someone who doesn't need to consolidate his standing in Victorian soccer is Suburbs striker Bobby McGuinness and he got on to the end of a Brendan Farmer chip in the 3rd

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

minute. Matt McDonald squared the ball to MacLean who sent French on his way and the big striker knocked the ball past advancing Wilhelmina goalie Robert Brian.

Davie Brogan had taken a hammering from the Wilhelmina defence and to come off after scoring Croydon's third goal in the 75th minute. Jim Tansey played a long ball to Brogan who withstood two challenges before planting the ball into the corner of goal.

Macleod strikes
Frank Macleod probably still is grinning. He settled a few old scores when he headed past Richard Wilson in the 72nd minute to give Frankston Pines an important win against Falkner at Smith Reserve on Sunday.

I know at least one Falkner committeeman that would have been ducking for cover after watching Macleod, who switched from Falkner to Pines a fortnight ago for \$1,750, celebrating his team's success.

Pines had taken the lead in the 20th minute. Tony Schipano failed to cut out John Culen's long cross to the far side of the penalty area. Goran Runje chested down well, picked his spot, then hammered a low shot past Wilson.

Pines were closing Falkner down quickly and the home side relied heavily on Ian Tuffield and Bruno Cozzella up front with the latter looking very sharp.

Pines should have gone further ahead when Ally Dick robbed Schipano on the edge of the Falkner area and played the ball to Runje but his chip sailed well over.

Rob Nelson was organising things well for Pines at the back, an area in which the side had problems last season.

52nd minute. Brian Coyle started the move when he switched play to Nino Di Martino on the left. Dr Martino's Barbas was headed on by McMillan and Coyle's first time shot beat Adam Dachs.

Kenny Stewart scored his second goal in as many games for Polonia when the former Ringwood Wilhelmina winger found space inside the Thomastown area and headed over advancing Raponi in the 78th minute.

Ithan blew a good chance late in the game but Polonia deserved its win.

Gagic wins it
No doubt Box Hill coach Keith Webster breathed easier after watching new signing George Gagic from Preston Makodonia sink Melbourne's hopes with a 92nd minute goal at J.T. Gray Reserve on Saturday.

Flaherty and Brendan Lakic were Thomastown's leading scorers in State League last season with 10 goals apiece. Lakic was dunned by the club a few weeks ago and has signed with Bulleen while Flaherty was dropped for the Polonia game.

Celal Ithan from Holland Park played up front for Thomastown alongside player-coach George McMillan but it seems that Ithan will take a bit of time to settle into stride at this level.

Polonia had the better of the first half and seems to have unearthed a fine prospect in John Kadick, who had three seasons with Green Gully before joining Polonia this year. Kadick was unlucky in the 21st minute with a shot that struck the post.

Polonia took the lead in the 35th minute when Mauro Raponi parried a shot and Greg Warsawski was on hand to gather the rebound. Raponi got his hands to Warsawski's shot but the ball went in off the post.

Thomastown was in a much more determined mood in the second half and it didn't surprise when it levelled in the

State League details

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON	3	0	0	11	2	6
FRANKSTON PINES	3	0	0	6	1	6
CAULFIELD	2	0	1	8	5	4
WESTERN SUBURBS	2	0	1	5	4	4
Polonia	1	2	0	4	3	4
Springvale	1	2	0	2	1	4
St. Alb. Dinamo	1	1	1	5	3	3
Falkner	1	1	1	2	2	3
Box Hill	1	1	1	2	2	3
Thomastown	0	2	1	2	3	2
Melb. Hungaria	0	1	2	2	6	1
Northcote	0	1	2	4	9	1
R. Wilhelmina	0	1	2	0	5	1
Morwell Falcons	0	0	3	1	8	0

POLOIA 2 (Warszawa 39th, Stewart 8th) THOMASTOWN 1 (Coyle 52nd) at Raleigh Reserve, Saturday.

POLOIA Dachs 6 — Liparski 7, Stojcevi 7, Farrugia 7, A. Czapi 7 — Chetun 7, Kadick 8, P. Czapi 8 — Warszawa 7, Przybylo 6, Stewart 7, Coach Kaz Kulak.

THOMASTOWN Raponi 2 — Rainey 7, Cosentino 7, Pjanato 7, Hackett 6 — Di Martino 7, Carfora 7, Kerr 6, Coyle 8 — Ithan 5, McMillan 7, Coach George McMillan.

Best three for Ametco Player of the Year award: 3. P. Czapi (P), 2. Kadick (P), 1. Coyle (T).

MELBOURNE 1 (Debono 58th) BOX HILL 2 (Taylor 61st, Gagic 92nd) at J.T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.

MELBOURNE Barbas 8 — Szabo 5, Tzambazis 6, P. Bannan 7, Edmondson 7 — Wild 5, Bird 5, Dagnal 6 (Thomas 74th) — Roberts 4, Theodos 5, Debono 5, Coach L. McKinlay 6, Paddy Sarnon 6.

BOX HILL McKinlay 6 — McPhee 7, Davidson 5, McMillan 6, A. Roodhouse 5 — Taylor 8, Hughes 5, Hennessy 6 — Burton 8, Gagic 7, Azopardo 5, Coach Keith Webster.

Best three for Ametco Player of the Year award: 3. Barbas (M), 2. Taylor (BH), 1. Burton (BH).

NORTHCOTE 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 0 at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

NORTHCOTE Gapanopolis 7 — Kouremenos 6, Bozakis 6, Patinois 6 (in), Romero 75th, J. Constantinou 7 — Bekaris 6, Toro 6, Small 6, Petropoulos 6 — P. Constantinou 8, Edinowski 6 (Stiladis 82nd), Coach Peri Skamagias.

SPRINGVALE CITY Whiteside 7 — Vogel 6, Adams 7, Bissinger 6, Hobson 6 — G. Bannan 6, Bentley 6, Bell 8 — D. Amico 6 (Wild H. in), Settle 75th, in off 81st, Athershy 8, J. Nelson 6, Coach Bobby McLeachian.

Best three for Ametco Player of the Year award: 3. P. Constantinou (N), 2. Athershy (SI), 1. Bell (SI).

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (McGuinness 3rd, Dimovski 48th) CAULFIELD CITY 0 at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS Cinc 7 — Beattie 7, Dimovski 8, Esposito 8, Hamill 8 — Kakantonis 7, McLeod 6, Farmer 6 (John Kondilis 59th) — McCuskey 7, McGuinness 7, Smallman 7, Coach Jimmy Kondilis.

CAULFIELD CITY Alexandropoulos 5 — Brsons 7, Tiotan 6, Sahindis 6, Tassindis 8 — Theodoros 7, Amaratidis 8, Filipou 6, Abraham 5 (in), Kassisas 80th — Zemanik 6, Vagias 4 (Kalogeros 70th), Coach Takis Svingos.

Best three for Ametco Player of the Year award: 3. Dimovski (WS), 2. Hamill (WS), 1. Amaratidis (C).

CROYDON 3 (MacLean 38th, French 60th, Brogan 75th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON Blasby 7 — Brown 8, Tansey 7, O'Reilly 7, Beech 7 — McDonald 8, MacLean 8, Livingstone 8 — French 7, A. Humble 7, Brogan 8 (in), Ollerford 76th, Coach Peter Ollerford.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA Bran 7 — Wernys 6, Corke 7, Verners 7 (sent off 85th), Lange 7 — M. Bakker 8, Storm 7, Wondimu 7, Thomson (in), Carmichael 20th, 7) — Nijholt 6, Wells 6 (Presta 70th), Coach Kees Storm.

Best three for Ametco Player of the Year award: 3. McDonald (C), 2. Bakker (W), 1. MacLean (C).

FAWKNER 1 (Cozzella 70th) FRANKSTON PINES 2 (G. Runje 20th, Macleod 72nd) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER R. Wilson 7 — Mancinelli 6, Fattore 7, Schipano 5, Joleviski 7 — Palankas 6, Oquigley 5, F. Angeli 5, Di Cocco 4 (Bordignon 70th), Tuit 6, Cozzella 7, Coach Peter Bowe.

FRANKSTON PINES Boland 8 — Thurlow 9, R. Nelson 8, Macleod 7, Cumming 7 — Ross 6, Culen 5 (McGowan 70th), Miller (in), Ferris 15th, 6) — G. Runje 7, Webster 9, Dick 7, Coach Darryl McInnes.

Best three for Ametco Player of the Year award: 3. Webster (FP), 2. Thurlow (FP), 1. R. Nelson (FP).

MORWELL FALCONS 0 ST ALBANS DINAMO 3 (Culina penalty 25th, Morovic 60th, 75th) at North Crinigan Reserve, Sunday.

MORWELL FALCONS Prezioso 5 — Palermo 5 (Wilson H.T. 5), Tuit 6, Bruns 5, Train 6 — J. van Baar 5, A. Cassar 5 (T. van Baar H.T. 5), O'Callaghan 5, E. Cassar 6 — Verechia 5, Stinton 6, Coach Dave O'Connor.

ST ALBANS DINAMO M. Gragic 7 — Kustura 7, Krasicic 8, Brkajacic 7, Kuzman 7 — Batnovic 7 (Rastovic 70th), M. Wilson 9, Dezic 8 (in), S. Gragic 85th, Culina 8 — Morovic 8, Lloyd 8, Coach Tony Vrzina.

Best three for Ametco Player of the Year award: 3. M. Wilson (St. A), 2. Dezic (St. A), 1. Morovic (St. A).

Vardaxis pounces, Palamaras seals it

NUNAWADING CITY 0 OAKLEIGH 1 (Vardaxis 18), Victorian Division One match at Mahoneys Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY Madjer, Brown, Hurleston, McCombe, Remmers (Nelsons 77), Moyle, Bastalless (Cheanne, Mullett, Charvalle 67), Middlemist, Roggero.

OAKLEIGH Vardaxis, Stogianovic, Stergou, Laletas, Stokas, Polite (Gusic 77), Tasopoulos, Irvine, Paparas (Kontokostas 64), Vardaxis.

A one-goal margin was not a true reflection of Oakleigh's superiority. Nunawading was well down and did not have a winner in any position.

MORNINGTON 1 (Wall 65th), RICHMOND 4 (G. Gourlas 30th, N. Gourlas 52nd),

Victorian First Division match at Dallas Brooks Park, Sunday.

RICHMOND Turpic, Robertson, Goch, Werner, Deluca, Ferrer, Berba, McNeil, Papandreas, C. Gourlas, N. Gourlas.

MORNINGTON: McTurk, Pye, Fitzpatrick, Paulding, Hoise, Goley, Thomson (Stewart 65min), Buchanan, Wall, Cameron, Lines.

The stalemate was broken at the 30th minute mark when Ferrer ran wide on the right to receive the ball in plenty of space in Richmond's attacking third.

His quick, low cross was deflected by Nick Gourlas to set up his brother Chris to neatly drive in Richmond's first goal.

In the 52nd minute, Chris Gourlas drifted wide and, being unmarked, had time on receiving the ball to draw the defence, before neatly slipping a short, square pass to brother Nick to make the score 2-0.

Mornington hit back when a corner found Wall at the back post and he quite coolly brought the ball under control and side-footed an accurate shot home.

In the last minutes a Chris Gourlas cross was perfect for Ian McNeil to notch the third Richmond goal, and almost on the final whistle a nice through ball saw Nick Gourlas run on to score his second and Richmond's fourth.

PORT MELBOURNE 4 (Dimovski 15th, Karapidis 30th, Koutoulas 49th, B. Palamaras 82nd) ROSANNA 2 (Drake 28th, Mooney 60th), Victorian Third Division match at Murphy Reserve, Saturday.

PORT MELBOURNE Dossie 7, Cerra 7, Louloulas 7, Akrindis 6, B. Palamaras 7, Samaras 6, N. Pala 7, 7, Kouroukidis 7, Karapidis 6, Dimatris 7, Nentis 6.

ROSANNA playing with the wind in the first half and with an obvious height advantage troubled Port, but playing the ball on the ground Port slowly got back into the match.

The faster, more agile Greek side started to trouble the Ro-

sanna defence and Chris Nentis scooped past two opponents but was brought down just outside the penalty area. Phil Diamataris took the kick which flew past the hapless Rosanna keeper for Port's first.

Rosanna clawed its way back into the match when Drake was set up after Akritidis, Koutoulas and Palamaras all panicked over a harmless through pass.

Within minutes Diamataris slipped through an inch perfect pass for Karapidis to slam the ball home from a difficult angle.

Koutoulas, taking full advantage of the wind, glided in a perfect free kick from 40 meters out, shortly after the start of the second half.

Mooney gave Rosanna a glimmer of hope when he powerfully headed home a corner but Port sealed Rosanna's fate when Palamaras volleyed home from a corner.

COBURG 3 (Lewis 40th, Gaudi 53rd, Mancinelli 60th), BELL PARK 3 (Bond 14th, 75th, Vanjek 83rd), Victorian Third Division, match at Coburg, Saturday.

NTH SUNSHINE De Freitas, Greek, McCordic, Sacco, Newton, Unsworth, Vassallo, DeFreitas, Sant, Spaten, Gatt.

FOREST HILL Baker, Carta, Crivelli, Tither, Jones, Michalopoulos, Masoni, Sesa, Mylonas, Lucchesi, Velardi.

HOLLAND PARK 3 BALLARAT 0, Victorian Fourth Division match at Ballarat, Sunday.

HOLLAND PARK Yilmaz 8, Ozcagli 8, Dincer 8, Binyazar 8, Binyazar 8, Ozcagli 8, Gonullu 7, Eravsar 8, Patsman 8, Saglam 10, Lerotic 8.

Holland Park finally got reward for its summer spending spree when it recorded its first league win of the season.

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The game now is faster, requires more skill and demands greater participation by all players. The kick-and-miss lazy style of game cannot be used.

THE PLAYING COURT

Essentially the playing area is between 24-36m long and 14-20m wide. The court must have clearly defined side and end lines; a "D" with a 4m radius from the edge of the goal and a 3m straight line at the top of the area facing the goal; a 6m-diameter centre circle; a centre line; and a penalty spot 6m from the goal. The goals are two metres high and three metres wide (similar to indoor hockey and European handball goals).

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PLAYERS

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UNIFORMS

All players must wear a matching uniform of numbered tops, shorts and socks. The goalkeeper may wear long pants and must wear a top of a color distinctive from the rest of his team.

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Teams may make up to seven substitutions within a game. Each time a player leaves the court and another enters it is regarded as a substitution (they may be the same players). Players must present themselves to the scorer and the referee before taking part in the game. Substitutions are only permitted when play has been stopped (dead ball situations) and must be completed within 30 seconds. No player replacements (substitutions) are permitted after the seventh for any reason.

TIME-OUTS

Each team is allowed one time-out of one minute duration per half. Time-outs can only be called when the ball is "dead". Teams can be coached from the sidelines provid-

A faster and much more skilful game

ed this action does not interrupt play.

PLAYING TIME

Centre game times for 1985/86 local competitions will be as follows:

Juniors: 15 minutes each way (24 minutes total playing time); seniors: 15 minutes each way (28 minutes total playing time).

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GOALS

Goals can be scored from anywhere outside the goal area from any kick except a goal-kick or the kick-off. Goals cannot be scored from any throw-in, either directly or by deflection off the goalkeeper. A player is deemed to be offside if he receives the ball inside the "D" from either a throw-in or a free kick.

PLEASE NOTE: A goal can be scored from inside the goal area "D" if the ball is deflected off an opposing player, not the goalkeeper, except when the player attempting to score is ruled offside.

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Fouls come under three classifications — technical, personal and disciplinary.

Technical: These cover physical contact or attempted physical contact such as kicking; tripping (including slide tackle); jumping; blocking from behind or in front striking; holding; pushing; causing a player to fall when tackled; taking the ball from the keeper's hands; keeper out of goal area.

Penalty: A direct free kick to the opposing team and the recording of a foul against the offending player. (Each player is permitted five fouls per game and must leave the court after committing the fifth foul. A substitution is permitted provided the team has not used the seven substitutions. The team foul count is also increased by one.)

Personal Fouls: These include delaying tactics; blocking off the ball; blocking opponent when ball is not playable; shepherding; bicycle kicking; back heeling; keeper throwing ball over half way (unless touched by opponent) and foul throws.

Penalty: Direct free kick and increase team foul count by one.

Disciplinary Fouls: These include entering the game without the permission of the referee; dissent; attempting to confuse opponent by hand

waving etc; being out of uniform.

Penalty: The above are bookings, but do not count against the player or team as a cumulative foul. However, if the player is expelled for his misdeemeanour he cannot be substituted.

TEAM FOULS

All technical and personal fouls (i.e. any free kick) are recorded against the team. Each team is allowed, for the first five fouls, to form a wall at three metres. When the referee lowers his hand the kick may be taken. Failure to keep the three metres until the ball is in play is a booking offence. From the sixth foul, no wall is permitted and a clear path to the goal three metres wide must be allowed. All fouls are direct free kicks and can be scored from except when played in the goal area. The ball must leave the goal area before being played by another player. All cumulative team fouls are cancelled at half time. Player fouls accumulate until the completion of the game.

PENALTIES

Any technical foul committed by a defending team inside the goal area is a penalty. The penalty spot is seven metres from the goal. All players must be at least three metres behind

the ball except the keeper and the kicker. The keeper cannot move from the line until the ball is played.

GOAL KICK

Any player from the team may take a goal kick. The ball must leave the goal area and all opponent players must be three metres from the ball.

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OFFICIALS

All games must have one referee, two linesmen and scorer/timekeeper.

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PLAYER PROFILE: TONY SEVERINO

Tony Severino (pictured) has been in Australia for 14 years and has played soccer throughout that time.

But his love of the game began in Italy 10 years before, which brings his years associated with soccer to 24.

Tony has played for Ascot, Moonee Ponds and now is a member of the successful Italian club, Essendon City Triestina.

Tony's position as a forward has won him a number of awards including, for five years running, top goalscorer at Moonee Ponds, for two years top scorer at Triestina and runner-up for the best and fairest at Moonee Ponds.

Tony finds enjoyment in both outdoor and indoor soccer, but he says where outdoor soccer is a more leisurely game due to the area it's played on, indoor soccer is a fast game where a player must contribute 100 percent and any mistake made is a mis-

take for the team and is even more enjoyable when the referee is required only to blow the whistle to start the game, for each goal and at half and full time.

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take for the team and in most cases costs the game.

He says that it has improved his skills especially with close contact to the ball and the 1-2 type of passes have given him the opportunity to shoot with his left and right foot where he normally would be one-footed.

Among Tony's career highlights, he mentions a "magical" scissor kick from which a goal was scored and his team won the game.

In indoor soccer he says that reaching the finals at Sunshine and hopefully winning will be the greatest thrill of his career.

MEET THE AUSSIE HOPEFULS



Members of the Australian under-14 squad at the selection trials in Sydney at Easter. Back row: Paul Boaro (NSW), Joe Molina (ACT), Pat Consentini (ACT), Michael Spasevski (Vic), Anthony Hulise (SA), Peter Sorocuk (Vic), Shane Blackman (SA), Hiep Nguyen (SA), Andrew Juhart (NSW), Nicholas Hibberd (ACT), Heath Robertson (SA), Simon Matheson (SA). Front Row: Andrew Wallace (ACT), Philip Rice (ACT), Andrew Sail (NSW), John Boursianis (NSW), Con Alexandriakis (ACT), Gary Comerford (NSW), Ross Hay (Vic), Jason McAuliffe (Vic), Craig Hammant (Q). Missing: Caleb Finks (NSW), Damon Langan (NSW).

STATE LEAGUE GAMES

ROUND 2: 7.45pm Monday 7 April — BAYSWATER vs GEELONG at Victorian Indoor Soccer Centre. 3 Burton Crt, Bayswater.

8.00pm Wednesday 9 April — SUNSHINE vs PRESTON ELIMINATORS at Sunshine Skate Rink. 47 Wright St, Sunshine.

8.30pm Friday 11 April — LATROBE VALLEY vs KNOX at Morwell Indoor Sports Centre. Hoyle St, Morwell.

ROUND 3: 7.00pm Sunday 13 April — GEELONG vs PRESTON ELIMINATORS at Geelong Centre. Corio Nth High School Gymnasium. Wendy St, Corio.

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Wran inspires 6-0 triumph, Yugoslav trio powers Avala

By
ALEX VESIC

NSW Premier, Neville Wran was at Melita Stadium last Sunday to kick off the 1986 State League season by opening Melita Eagles' \$500,000 grandstand and inspire the home team's 6-0 win.

Mr Wran opened Melita Stadium in 1981, so this was his second function at the ground as Premier.

After introductory speeches by Melita officials, including president Laurie Dimech, Mr Wran declared:

"Soccer players in NSW outnumber all other sports. It is therefore fitting that a stadium should be built in the West which fit their needs."

He added he soon would make a State visit to Malta. He promised to take a pair of Jeff Fenech's boxing gloves to Agatha Barbara, the President of Malta.

Before the kick-off at Melita Stadium, Mr Wran offered salute to the "Australians of Maltese decent and those good Australians of Uruguayan decent" before departing.

He shook hands with all the players and officials, and stayed for the first half of the match. I am sure he would have been better off staying for the full game. His favorite team in another sport was whipped at another venue by a team wearing Melita's colors!

Radovan Filipovic stuns Penrith

The only side Avala has managed to beat this year is Penrith some five weeks ago but Vic Dalglish, an ex Avala coach now in charge of Penrith, was hoping for a better result at Cook Park.

Alas, Dalglish had not expected Avala's new men from Yugoslavia, Zoran Blazic, Tomislav Radak and Radovan Filipovic. These three stars with Second Division credentials, did enough to shatter Penrith.

All three players arrived midweek from Yugoslavia, but that didn't stop any of them performing with distinction.

Blazic of Pelister was in fine touch and was Avala's most creative player. Radak scored with a header in the 18th minute, while Filipovic scored two goals and was a menace to Penrith all day.

Radak opened the scoring in the 28th minute with a well-timed header from the left but Randall Easthorpe made it 1-1 from the penalty spot.

Penrith's smiles were only fleeting, as Filipovic beat the offside trap to make it 2-1, and smashed home a 30-metre volley rarely seen in local soccer to make it 3-1.

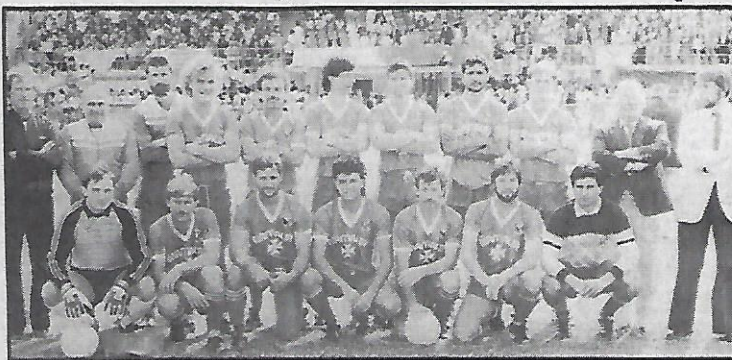
Freshwater shrugs off Tortevski

One of the main contenders for the title, Rockdale Ilinden, wiped out by wooden-spoon candidate Freshwater. It's a bit much, isn't it?

The Rockdale outfit, with its new star from Vardar, Viado Tortevski, quickly raced to a 2-0 lead through Paul Darlington and Tortevski whose goal was superb!

He drew a perfect trajectory as the keeper came out, to score just under the crossbar.

But just after half time Barry Walk-



MELITA EAGLES before their State League encounter with Uruguay — Auburn, from left, standing: trainer, physio, McCoy, Vial, Farrugia, Wilson, Foxman, Meerbani, Treddinick, official, D. Hoggart (coach). Front: Pupovac, Stone, Farnsworth, Callanan, McAusland, Laing.

STANDINGS	W	D	L	F	A	P
MELITA EAGLES	1	0	0	6	0	2
FRESHWATER	1	0	0	5	3	2
AVALA	1	0	0	3	1	2
MANLY	1	0	0	2	0	2
Sutherland	1	0	0	2	0	2
Ku-Ring-Gai	0	1	0	1	1	1
Polonia	0	1	0	1	1	1
Ilinden	0	0	1	3	5	0
Penrith	0	0	1	1	3	0
Woll Makedonia	0	0	1	0	2	0
Fairy Meadow	0	0	1	0	2	0
Uruguay	0	0	1	0	6	0

er, an ex-Melita forward, made it 2-1, and six minutes later Preston made it 2-2.

Preston gave Freshwater a surprise lead in the last minute of the first half but Billy Pilovski equalised with a penalty.

Suddenly the bottom fell out of Ilinden's boat and the whole team sank.

One had every reason to assume that travel-weary Tortevski, who led by example in the first half, would feel the pinch during the second period. But few expected to see Ilinden after four months of hard pre-season work to collapse with such ease.

Ilinden stood still as Freshwater carved holes to score its winning goals. Dominic Giannone made it 4-3 and Barry Walker sealed the issue, but the question of Ilinden's form remains a puzzle.

Tortevski impressed and his free kick in the 39th minute all but broke the crossbar.

Scott Hughes sinks Fairy Meadow

Sutherland's new-look defence of Nelson, Terry, Burrows, and Sellar never gave Fairy Meadow a chance, while at the other end only some desperate defence by Berringer and Kerr saw Meadow survive as long as it did.

Then six minutes into the second half the game was all but over. Scott Hughes hit the net twice and with Steve Meades and Mark Harrington playing some vintage football, it was evident that Meadow could not hope for better than a 0-2 scoreline.

And while Berringer and Kerr played with vigor, a number of Meadow players failed to get into the match — notably Carlo, Douglas and Hobbs.

Our reporter from Wollongong was not thinking about Meadow's chances

for the title. He was worried about Meadow's chances of staying in the top seven.

Sertbas, Farrugia inspire big win

Birol Sertbas, with three goals, and Ray Farrugia with a fine midfield display, led Melita to its 6-0 first-round victory over Uruguay.

But Uruguay matched Melita, stride for stride, in the opening minutes. Then Johnny Foxman, the lanky Sydney Hakook striker who joined Melita at the start of the season, raced through to face the keeper and score on a pass from Wayne Farnsworth.

Only three minutes later, Farnsworth was brought down and Sertbas got the first of his three goals from the resultant penalty.

With one minute remaining in the first half, Foxman was brought down inside the area and Birol was in for his second penalty goal.

A few minutes into the second half Kenny Wilson was on the spot to head in a corner and make it 4-0.

Then came an incredible goal in the 58th. Farnsworth found Hastie in the way and his shot deflected off Hastie and past Rosano.

Sertbas added yet another with five minutes to go.

Colusso equalises, Kuringai lucky

Kuringai and Polonia shared the points at Parklands, with Kuringai taking an early lead through Peter Tkachuk and Polonia getting its equaliser from Dennis Colusso.

Tkachuk took a direct free kick in the 5th and according to our reporter, almost tore the net of Polonia's goal. Andrej Pop nodded in a cross from Tomak Druc for Colusso to score the equaliser in the 48th.

Kuringai was sluggish and very lucky to take one point after some fine chances were missed by its opponents. Kuringai just managed to stay on even terms during the first period but sadly faltered during the second half and should have been punished. Polonia looked far more constructive and Lacey had his work cut out for him.

Andrew Lacey made some fine saves, including those from Geekie and Colusso to keep Kuringai in the match.

On the bright side for the locals, the

third grade team won 4-1 and the second grade 2-1.

Watch out for Jim Campbell

Jimmy Campbell, two seasons ago in the lowly Dee Why side has found his touch with Manly.

If he is to have an injury-free season I would have no fears declaring Campbell one of the main contenders for the Air Malta Player of the Year award.

He was quick, positive, assertive — you name it and Jimmy was there.

Of course it was not all Campbell and Manly, despite the 2-0 scoreline, Wollongong Makedonia hit Manly with all but the Port Kembla foundry in the opening stanza and had the Sea Eagles back-peddalling.

Then came the opening goal for Manly. A Stuart Dick free kick in the 22nd found Robbie Stuart but his pile-driver was pushed away by the keeper. Doug McIntosh collected the clearance then sent it to the far post for Alan Dean to score.

A corner kick by Robbie Stuart in the 44th minute saw a deflection by Don Allan to McIntosh who found the net for 2-0.

Manly, ably led by Campbell and with Barry Walker and Donny Allan, last year's Melita stalwarts, looking good, should cause a few upsets.

Campbell, Muhlbauser and Turnbull get the points with King, Dean and Allan having fine games also.

King faced Catlin in the 32nd but misfired. At the other end Robinson was at full stretch to save one from Campbell, then Doug McIntosh almost scored in the 43rd. He was rewarded with a chance a minute later which he took well.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Cromer Park: Manly — Melita
Mona Park: Uruguay — Penrith
Seymour Shaw: Sutherland — Wollongong
Hurstville Oval: Ilinden — Fairy Meadow
Chopin Park: Polonia — Freshwater
Knight Park: Avala — Ku-Ring-Gai

2nd Grade results: Melita — Uruguay 4-0, Fairy Meadow — Sutherland 3-3, Penrith — Avala 1-3, Freshwater — Ilinden 2-4, Kuringai — Polonia 4-1, Woll Makedonia — Manly 1-2.

3rd Grade results: Melita — Uruguay yet to be played, Fairy Meadow — Sutherland 0-2 (forfeit), Penrith — Avala 2-2, Freshwater — Ilinden 1-4, Kuringai — Polonia 2-1, Woll Makedonia — Manly 0-0.



Passengers disembark from an Air Malta jet.

Air Malta player of the year award

WOLLONGONG MAKEDONIA 0 MANLY WARRING-GAI 2 (A. Dean 22nd, McIntosh 44th) at Port Kembla. Ratings by George Taylor.

MAKEDONIA: Robinson 6 — Muhlbauser 7, Raskin 6 (Sweeney 74th), Talevski 7 — A. Campbell 7, Wellbourne 6, Sattin 6, Bingham 6 — King 7 (Girdal 58th), B. Robinson 6, Gardner 6.

MANLY: Catlin 7 — Marshall 6, S. Dick 7, J. Turnbull 8 — Pierce 7, Stuart 7, J. Campbell 8, A. Dean 7 — Allan 7, McIntosh 7, van Egmond 6.

Best players for Air Malta Player of the Year award: 3. Jimmy Campbell, 2. Mike Muhlbauser (WM), 1. John Turnbull (M).

KU-RING-GAI 1 (Tkachuk 5th) POLONIA 1 (Colusso 48th) at Parklands. Ratings by Paul Goodwin.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 8 — Keven 6, Watson 6, Bennett 7, Goldworthy 5 — Williamson 6, Sutherland 6, Quigley 8, Tkachuk 6 — Nile 7, Bass 7.

POLONIA: Anderson 7 — Mahamah 6, Lasek 7, Robertson 8, Chou 6 — Colusso 8, Drys 7, Geekie 7 — Janic 8, Pop 7, Druc 6.

Best players for Air Malta Player of the Year award: 3. Dennis Colusso (P), 2. Stefan Janic (P), 1. Chris Quigley (K).

MELITA 6 (Foxman 24th, Sertbas 27th, pen. 44th, pen. 70th, Wilson 49th, Hastie 0.9 50th) URUGUAY 0 at Melita Stadium. Ratings by Dean Vella.

MELITA: Pupovac 7 — Laing 7 (McCoy 73rd), McAusland 7, Wilson 8, Treddinick 7 — Stone 7, Farrugia 8, Sertbas 9 — Farnsworth 7, Vial 8, Meerbani (Foxman 20th).

URUGUAY: Rosano 5, Piriz 5 (Jones), Hastie 7, Krslovic 6, O'Donnell 5, Cuba 6, Pagano 6, O'Shane 5 (Rodriguez), Benitez 5, Genc 5, van Heiden 5.

Best players for Air Malta Player of the Year award: 3. Sertbas, 2. Farrugia, 1. Wilson.

FAIRY MEADOW 0 SUTHERLAND 2 (Hughes 48th, 52nd) at Wollongong. Ratings by Walter Chickkan.

FAIRY MEADOW: Kravovic 6 — Hobbs 5, Douglas 5, Kerr 8, Berringer 7 — Piel 6, Cario 5, Green 6 — S. Baker 6, W. Baker 7 (DePietro 80th), Bell 6.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 7 — Nelson 7, Terry 7, Burrows 7, Sellar 7 — Cashman 6, Meades 7, Harrington 7, Johnstone 6 — Hughes 8, Hall 6.

Best players for Air Malta Player of the Year award: 3. Scott Hughes, 2. Steve Meades, 1. Phil Kerr.

FRESHWATER 5 (Preston 32nd, 45th, Walker 26th, 81st, Giannone 64th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Darlington 20th, Tortevski 26th, Pilovski, pen. 45th). Ratings by Luke Gojovic.

FRESHWATER: Musumeci 6 — S. Green 7, Bottalico 7, Watt 8, O'Rourke 7 — Duckling 7, Berry 6, Hassim 54th — 6. Davies 6 (Giannone 35th), 7 — Corrigan 8, Preston 7, Walker 8.

ILINDEN: Dart 5 — G. Wilson 6, Desney 6, Pilovski 6, McDonald 6, Darlington 7, D. Wilson 6 (Nastevski 68th), Tortevski 8 — Groomer 7, Beggs 6 (Brown 77th), Jones 7.

Best players for Air Malta Player of the Year award: 3. Barry Walker (ME), 2. Viado Tortevski (I), 1. David Watt (I).

PENRITH 1 (Easthorpe pen. 28th) AVALA 3 (Filipovic 30th & 44th, Radak 18th) at Cook Park. Ratings by Scott Wyllie.

PENRITH: Blowe 6 — Bregan 6, Campbell 7, Kerrigan 6, Cross 5 — Quilley 6, Nix 7, Montgomery 6, Plumb 6 — Hunter 6, Easthorpe 7.

AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Jordan 7, Atagic 7, Pena 7, Divani 7 — Blazic 7, Radak 6, Marjanovic 7 (Cootes 80th), Jeffries 7, Bratkovski 6, Filipovic 8.

Best players for Air Malta Player of the Year award: 3. Rad Filipovic, 2. Peter Nix, 1. Glen Jeffries.

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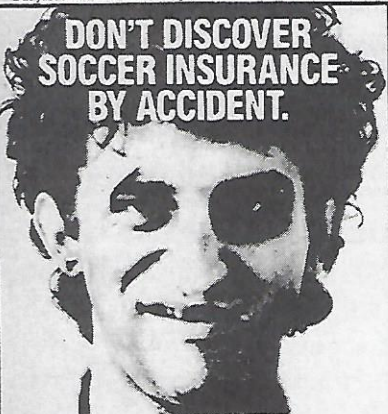
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Second Division

Death threat, no goalpost

The match between Kingsford and Canterbury District was cancelled last Saturday because of missing goalposts.

"We were given written permission by the council to use Kensington Oval for the season and the groundsmen was supposed to erect the goalposts as early as last Wednesday," Kingsford secretary John Curran said.

"We were given assurances by the council that it would be done, yet we found no goalposts. In the meantime we also heard that one of the Aldermen had received a death threat and it appears the leasing of Kensington Oval to our club may have been behind it."

Mr Curran and his side will lodge an official complaint with the council and the matter should be resolved by this weekend.

Gladesville Hornsby thrashed Bathurst. North Bankstown hammered Dee Why while Dee Martin's Yu-

gal was beaten at Artarmon. Queens Park and Blacktown United were involved in the friendliest of matches with all three grades being involved in drawn games.

Third grade drew 2-2, second 3-3 and the first grade teams drew 0-0.

Results

Kingsford — Cant. District postponed
Gladesville — Bathurst 3-0 (Cullinan, Dunn, Williamson)
N. Bankstown — Dee Why 4-0 (Celarc 2, James, Bell)
Queens Park — Blacktown Utd 0-0
Artarmon — Yugal 2-1 (Gillies, Hanley (A))
Campbelltown — Bankstown 1-1

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Dee Why — Gladesville at Dee Why Oval, Blacktown Utd — N. Bankstown at Francis Park, Kingsford — Artarmon at Artarmon Res.

Sunday: Bankstown Nat. Canterbury & Dist, Jensen Oval, Bathurst — Campbelltown, Proctor Park, Yugal — Queens Park, Riall Oval

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Controversial Juve win

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A controversial goal 43 seconds into the Cascade Summer Cup Final (Cadbury League section) paved the way for Juventus-Pioneer's 2-1 win over White Eagles at South Hobart.

Sergio Pace took a free-kick quickly and found Romeo Fabrizio in hectares of space on the edge of the White Eagles penalty area. Referee Brian Clarkson whistled but then waved play on as Fabrizio turned and fired home with the Eagles defenders uncertain about what was happening.

Eagles never recovered from that early blow and, if that setback did not exactly kill the team's chances, Sergio

Pace's goal five minutes before the interval, did. Geovesi fired in a shot, Greenwood only could parry, and Pace knocked the ball into the net from close range.

Eagles looked but a shadow of the team that demolished Caledonians 7-1 in the semi-final, while Juventus had obviously learned a lot from its visit to Melbourne for the Nanda Cup.

"We've been working on knocking early balls from free-kicks in the middle of the park," said Juventus coach, David Smith.

"South Melbourne Hellas did it to us all day and we learned that if we knock early free-kicks we're pretty happy. We got away with it and we've just

got to steady ourselves a little more."

Eagles only had two scoring chances. Craven saved Scott Young's shot 10 minutes from the end and Andrew Leszczynski scored from the penalty spot in injury time after Dominic Longo had fouled second-half substitute, Bobby Rybak.

Juventus included John Broadhouse in its team only an hour before the kick-off. He had returned from overseas late last week and his presence was an influential factor in the win.

University won the Rothman's League section final of the competition with a 3-2 win in extra-time over Taroon.

Mallick gave the students a 15th-minute lead which was

The University players celebrate their 3-2 win over Taroon.

cancelled out on the half-hour by Bishop, and Morrison put Taroon in front from the penalty spot with 20 minutes remaining.

Siddall took the game into extra-time with a last-minute goal and University coach Chris Hargrave, who came on in the 75th minute, swept home the winner from Shepherd's pass midway through the first period of extra-time.

Details: Doug Slater Memorial Trophy — University Grads 2 (Cliff 2) Referees 1 (Bonken); Cascade Summer Cup Final (Cadbury League section) — Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Fabrizio, Pace) White Eagles 1 (A. Leszczynski, pen.); Cascade Summer Cup Final (Rothman's League section) — University 3 (Mallick, Siddall, Hargrave) Taroon 2 (Bishop, Morrison, pen.)

University captain Robbie Mallick accepts the winner's trophy from Cascade sales manager Lyndon Adams. Pictures: WALTER PLESS.

IGRALI KAO DA NIKAD NISU VIDELI FUDBAL

Sekularac je galantno cestitao pobjedu razigranoj ekipi Adelaide City, cak je rekao da bi rezultat od 1:0 isto toliko bio realan, ali nije nam objasnio sta je paralizovalo "plavu" odbranu, koja prakticno nije postojala.

Prvih 15 minuta JUST je mogao da vodi sa 3:0, ali Bill Lazopoulos i Vlada Stolic nisu uspjeli da iskoriste takovane stopostotne sansa.

JUST ce se tesko oporaviti od ovog poraza, koji ga je sasvim spustio na zemlju. Od tri igraca, koje je doveo Sekularac, jos ni jedan nije ispunio svoja ocekivanja, ali najvise je razocarao Vojislav Vukcevic. Izgleda da je dosao povredjen ili igra posle duze povrede.

Ovakvo slaba igra ne moze skoro ponoviti, ali je sigurno da se teski treninzi ne mogu vise ponoviti, jer ih igraji vise ne mogu izdrzati.

U nedjelju 6. aprila JUST docekuje South Melbourne Hellas, koji je takodje razocarao svoje navijace. Pored toga Hellas ce nastupiti bez Gary McDowella, sto ce olaksati posao JUST-u, koji ce se osvetiti na nekome za katastrofu u Adelaide. To lako moze biti Hellas.

Na Olympic Parku Melbourne Croatia je dozivila nesto manju katastrofu, koji je takodje tesko objasniti posle sjajne igre u Nocnom Buffalo Kupu. Ne treba se cuditi ako vec induke nedjelje novi trener bude vodio Croatiju u susretu sa heidelbergom, koji sa uspjehom demantuje sve price o propasti.

MAKEDONIJA je nije postigla ni jedan gol, ali nije primila ni jedan gol, sto je daleko bolje od onog stu sa stvarni mnogi klubovi u Jutnoj divizion, jer je odigrala dve teske utakmice. Ako se i sledece nedjelje iz Adelaide bez primljenog gola (protiv West Adelaide), Makedonija moze biti zadovoljna sa onim stu je postigla na pocetku sezone.

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Gol Nunawadinga je doziveo pravo bombardovanje i prava je steta sto se Michael Burlak i Sasa Brkic nisu upisali u strelce.

JUST-ov sastav: Zoran Vljacin (Marko Turudija od 46. minuta), Milan Djurdjevic, Igor Miholic, Dragan Zivkovic, Igor Lopatic, Ljuba Barjakarevic (Zoran Pasoski od 65. minuta), Petar Grmusa, Sasa Brkic, Michael Burlak, Goran nedelkovski (Kieron White od 46. minuta).

Igraci utakmice bio je Igor Lopatic, ali i svi ostali zasluživu pohvalu, specijalno Milan Djurdjevic i Michael Burlak.

Mladi tim MAKEDONIJE — Fawknor 4:0 (1:0). Strelci: Tony Zevovski 2, Nick Kotovski i Goran Kovovski po jedan.

Sastav Makedonije: Lee (Niceski), Soklevski, Tolevski, Kondovski, Piculovski, Momirovski, Janjukovski, Fudulis, Zevovski, Mitchell (Kojdovski), Kotovski.

U nedjelju 13. aprila mladi tim je gost Brightona na Dendy parku u Brightonu.

PRVI PORAZ ALTONA GATE
DONCASTER ROVERS — ALTONA GATE VARDAR 3:1 (1:1). Jedini gol za Altonu Gate postigao je David Beattie u 29. minutu.

Domacin je zaslužio pobjedu, jer se Altona Gate nije mogla srediti, niti ozbiljno ugroziti gol protivnika. Ovog puta odbrana je igrala slabije od navale.

Sastav Altona Gate: C. Barbakos, Z. Veljanovski, J. Dervisovski, J. Serovski, C. Talevski, D. Gibson, M. Ristovski, J. Kabanovski (Gus Figueroa), D. Beattie, T. Blitcki (B. Romanovski), G. Georgijevski.

Rezerva Altona Gate je pobedila sa 3:1 (0:1). Strelci: Zoran Grozdanovski 2 i Zoran Dervisovski 1. Najbolji

igraci: Zoran Taseski, Zoran Grozdanovski i Jimmy Kotovski.

U subotu 12. aprila Altona Gate docekuje North Dandenong na Paisley Reserve.

TRIJUMF "SINDJELICA"
ROYAL RICHMOND SINDJELIC — KEILOR AUSTRIA 4:0 (1:0). Strelci: Dragan Vasic u 15. i 80., Tony Marchett u 46. i Tony Young u 70. minutu.

"Sindjelic" je postigao prvu pobjedu u novom prvenstvu posle izvanredne igre na svom novom igralistu Yarraville Oval, koji bi rado imali mnogi klubovi Nacionalne lige.

Sastav Royal Richmond Sindjelica: Peter Hrehore-sin, Zdenko Jovic, Ray Biner, Bata Jovic, Jim Kondar-sin, Dragan Dejanovic, Tony Marchett, Josip Picloane (Petar Krnic od 75. minuta), Dragan Vasic, Rade Jovic, Bruce Young. Igrao je jos Milan Stevanovic, koji je u 55. minutu zamenio Ray Biner.

U subotu 12. aprila Royal Richmond Sindjelic je gost Moreland Park Rangersa.

Prve poraze sa pretprelj u gostima Ringwood SRBIA protiv Essendon Triestine sa 0:2, i "PLAVI" iz Springvale protiv Moorabbin City-a sa 1:2, ali nam nisu poznati detalji. Pored poraza "Plavi" iz Springvale su ostali na prvom mestu u trecoj divizion zahvaljujuci boljoj gol-ravazi.

U subotu 12. aprila Ringwood SRBIA docekuje Hamlyn Rangersa na Quambee Reserve, Wonga Road, North Ringwood.

Springleave United (BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO) domacin je Port Melbourne na imanju Jugoslovenskog radnickog centra, Lot 16 Perry Road, Keysborough.

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O ΛΑΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ ΚΑΤΕΒΗΚΕ ΚΑΙ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ

ΜΕΤΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΩΣΕΣ θλιβερές και απειλές που έκανε ο Μάγας προς την ηγεσία του NSL και πως αν δεν δικαιωθεί στα αιτήματά του σχετική με τις υποθέσεις των Τάσιου και Πέτερσον δεν θα έπαιζε η πρώτη του ομάδα στο Μίντλ Παρκ κόντρα στην Ελλάδα, τελικά κατέβηκε κομπλέ στο γήπεδο και μάλιστα με τους Λουκέσι και Αντζέλι στην συνθεσή του κόντρας και την πρώτη νίκη του στο ποτ τζελμά.

Η ομάδα του Γκάβριλ αφού μοιράστηκε στο Α' μέρος την υπεροχή στην επανέληψη Βόλης στρυμένο το έδαφος για νίκη ήταν ο Μαν-τσίουα πήρε τον δρόμο για να αποκτήσει στο 50' με κόνικλη κάρτα που είδε σωστά από τον διαιτητή.

Η ενεργειά του σύμφωνα με τους κανονισ-μους (προσπάθεια να κτυπήσει τον Μάρλε χωρίς όμως και να τον ακουμπήσει) τιμωρεί-ται με αποβολή.

He δέκα παίκτες η Ελλάς και 15 λεπτά πέ-ρασε στην επίθεση χωρίς όμως επιτυχία αν και έφτασε πολλές φορές κοντά στο γκολ.

Η ομάδα του Νάραϊν Γκάβριλ στο 72' με τον Βαλεντιάνη κατέφερε να πετύχει το μο-ναδικό τέρμα που της χάρισε και τους δύο βαθμούς.

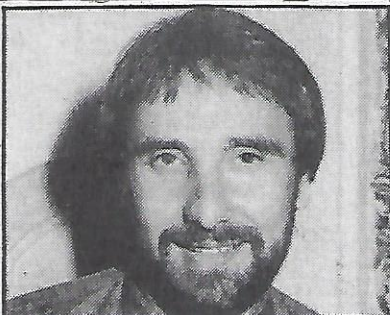
O ΙΩΑΚΗΜΙΔΗΣ ΣΕΡΕΣ ΤΗΝ ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ

Η ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ και το Λαγκουόρντ έμεινα στην ισοπαλία άνευ τερμάτων.

Για την ελληνική ομάδα που ήταν και γηπε-δόχος, φάνηκε η αδυναμία της στο σκοράρι σμαμένο ο αέρας δεν βοήθησε τους παίκτες της απέναντι στην ισχυρή ομάδα του Λαγκο υόρντ.

Ο γκολκίπερ Ιωακίμειδης ήταν και ο καλός τεχνος παίκτης του αγώνα, κόντοντας θαυμάσι-ες και σωτηριές αποκρούσεις.

Έπαιξαν οι Ιωακίμειδης, Φερραβιδίτης, Κων-σταντίνου (πέρα κόνικλη κάρτα στο 78') Λα κιδίτης, Κοντέα, Α. Πατρίδης, Β. Πατρίδης, Ν. Χαράλμπος, Κούστακος, Ουγκρουν, Νίτσι-



Ο Κώστας Λαζόγκας χρόνια τώρα είναι βασικός παί-κτης στο Μορντπάλλοκ και διακρίνεται όχι μόνο για την αγωνιστικότητά του, αλλά και για το ήθος του.

ΕΝΑ ΓΚΟΛ ΚΑΙ ΤΕΣΣΕΡΑ ΑΚΟΡΑΙΑ ΤΟ ΓΚΟΛ

ΤΟ ΜΑΝΑΓΙΝΤΙΚ ΣΙΟΥ* σωθηκε από πανωλε-θρία και έχασε μόνο 1-0 από το περίφημο "ήλην του οποίου οι παίκτες έχασαν την ευκαιρία να πετύχουν μία νίκη με 6-0.

Το μοναδικό τέρμα των κυανόλευκων πέτυ-χε ο Βαρντάζης στο 17' ενώ οι Πολίτης δύο φορές, Ιρβάν και Όλκος σημάδεψαν τα δοκίμια των γηπεδούχων.

Από την νικήτρια που δεν υστέρεσε κατέ-νωση έπαιξαν οι Βασελίδης, Χαλτάς, Στοινα-νός, Παλζίν, Τσιουβόπουλος, Μόκος, Στεργίου, Παπάρας (Κοντοκωστής) Πολίτης (Γκιοβίνι), Ιρβάν, Βαουρτάζης.

Σύμφωνα με τον ρεσερβ καλύτεροι ήταν οι Παπάρας, Πολίτης και Ιρβάν.

Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 2-0.

ΣΟ ΜΟΥΡΟΥΛΑΡΚ ΤΗΝ ΓΑΥΚΕΣ ΟΦΗΝΑ

ΣΙΟΥΡΑ είναι έδικο το 1-1 που έφερε το Μορούλμαρκ με το θαυμάσιο Κλίστον Χιλ και ο Βαβίς που πήρε οσελειται στον ρε-σερ ΜΑΚΕΣ ΜΟΚΟΤ (2) ο οποίος χωρίς να είναι λίγο κρότης 5 λεπτά καθυστέρηση και να ισοφαρίσει 1-1 η ζέση δώδεκα στο 93' της συνάντησης.

Η ελληνική ομάδα ήταν η μέρα με την νίκη από το άτυχο μάτς με το Ντέλ Πάρκ και προ-πάντων στο Α' μέρος είχε το Μορούλμαρκ

Ολας οι γραμμές της κυανόλευκου δοξάσαν σωστά και οι παίκτες ήταν τοποθετημένοι με τον καλύτερο τρόπο μέσα στο γήπεδο έ-τσι ώστε οι πεπειραμένοι παίκτες του Μο-ρούλμαρκ να φαίνονται μικροί.

Ομοσβήποτε αν ο ρεσερβ ΜΟΚΟΤ είχε πα-ρατηρήσει θα έκανε πάρα πολλούς πόντους.

Οι παίκτες του Μορούλμαρκ ήταν κάτι πα-ραπάν από ισχυροί και πήραν μπλόκινες κί-τρινες κάρτες, ενώ θα μπορούσαν να είχαν δει και κόνικνες όταν έφταναν εν ψυχρόν του θαυμάσιο διονούπουλο ή όταν ο ρεσερβ ανέ-χθηκε το βρόξιλο που του έκαναν.

Το υπέροχο Κλίστον έπαιζε με τους Κόργιο (2το 94' έκανε δύο τρωμερές αποκρούσεις) Λορέντζι, Βλαχάκης, Τσιούκο, Γκέλλη (Πέτυχε ένα θαυμάσιο τέρμα στο 37') Πιτσόμο, Παπαγεωργί-οι, Βουβούλα, Λιουσιόπουλο, Στρατάκης και Θεο χαρίδης. Επίσης χρησιμοποιήθηκαν οι Λματί-δης στο 30' για τον διονούπουλο και ο Λ. Κόνικινος στο 94' για τον Βουβούλα.

ΓΕΟΡΓΑΛΤΑ ΤΟ ΕΛΛΕΥΣ ΣΠΙΝΚΕΒΑΙΝΑ 1-1

ΤΟ ΕΛΛΕΥΣ ΣΠΙΝΚΕΒΑΙΝΑ παίζοντας σωστά κα-τάφερε να πάρει ισοπαλία εκτός έδρας με το δυναμικό Πορτ.

Το γκολ πέτυχε ο Γιάννης Αργυρόπουλος.

ΑΛΛΑΓΕΣ ΣΤΟ ΓΚΟΛ

ΓΕΝΙΚΟΣ αρχηγός στο "όλην ανέλαβε ο Βαγγέ-λης Κυριακίδης.

Έπίσης το πόστο του γενικού αρχηγού στην Β' ομάδα πήρε ο Γιάννης Γιαννιούκος.

ΕΛΛΗΝΟ ΚΥΤΕΛΑΟ

ΤΗΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 13 Απριλίου και στην λίσχη του Κλίστον Χιλ άρα 10,00 π.μ. θα γίνει η Γε-υκή Συνέλευση του Ελληνικού Κυτέλλου.

Παρακαλούνται όλοι οι υπέθυνοι των συλλό-γων μας να δώσουν το παρόν.

Για πληροφορίες τηλεφωνήσατε στον κ. Ρέβη στο 329 0030.

ΣΕ ΦΙΛΙΚΟ ΠΑΡΤΙΝΙ - ΕΠΙΛΕΞΥ 4-1

Η Β' ΗΓΕΤΗ του παλαιό έσσο της Ελλάς Με-λβούρνης Νικόλα Κλαυσιόπουλο ο οποίος έσ-τιαζε όλα τα γκολ στους συμπαίκτες του το Γκρίντρεν υπά Βουβούλα πριν υπέ στη μάχη του ποταπλάματος του Ιντστριαλ νίκισε

Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Βαλαζίνης 2, Μήλιος και Αποστολόπουλος.

Με την νικήτρια η οποία έκανε πολύ καλή εμφάνιση έπαιξαν οι Λεβέντοβιτς, Κατρί, Ν. Αναστασιδής, Βάσης, Γ. Αναστασιδής, Καστου-ρόπουλος, Μήλιος, Ββίγγος, Α. Κώστας, Λαζαρί-δης, Αποστολόπουλος (46' Βαλαζίνης).

ΧΡΕΙΑΖΟΝΤΑΙ ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ ΚΑΙ ΟΙ ΔΥΟ

ΤΗΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ και οι δύο ελληνικές μας δ-μάδες στην Μελβούρνη έλθουν δύσκολα πύ-νις.

Η Ελλάς εκτός έδρας θα παίξει με την ο-μάδα του Σεκουλάρετς η οποία έκανε πανω-λεθρία την περασμένη Κυριακή με 7-1 από την Γιουβέντους Αδελφάδας.

Ο νικητής του ελληνικού ντέρμπυ Αλέξαν-δρος στο γήπεδο του περιμένει την Κρό-τια Μελβούρνης που κί' αυτή έχασε με το βαρό σκόρ από την Γιουβέντους Μελβούρνης την περασμένη Κυριακή.

He προσοχή οι ομάδες μας μπορούν να ξε-περάσουν τα εμπόδια και να πάρουν τους βαθμούς της νίκης.

Η ΑΣΠΑ ΓΙΛΕΝΑΙ ΔΥΝΑΤΗ

ΤΗΝ ΕΠΡΟΒΛΗΤΗ Τετάρτη συναντήθηκαν οι ε-παγγελματίες αθλητικογράφοι της Μελβού-ρνης και συζητήσαν αρκετά θέματα προκειμέ-νου η ΑΣΠΑ να γίνει δυνατή όχι μόνο στο θέμα να αποκλόνται σωστά οι παίκτες του Ελ-λικάτι που στο παρελθόν και πιά πολύ στα τελευταία δύο χρόνια δεν έγινε, αλλά και σε πολλές άλλες περιπτώσεις, όπως η μη καλή συμπεριφορά παροχόντων των συλλό-γων προς τους αθλητικογράφους και οι ακα-τάλληλες οι χάρτες για να κόντον την δουλειά τους. Ιδίως στο σημείο αυτό συζητήθηκε το γήπεδο του Αλέξανδρου που δεν έχει τον απαραίτητο χώρο για τους αθλητικογράφους.

Ποτέρορ ανέλαβε ο Κώστας Πικολόπουλος, Γραμματέας ο Λόρρο Σούκις και Τάβις ο Δημήτρης Ψιπατσούλας.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΠΟΔΟΣΦΑΙΡΙΚΟ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟ

Ο ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ποδοσφαιρικός σύνδεσμος Βικ-τωριανός και Στέφτ Ληγκ παρέδωσε τα πρακ-τικά της πρώτης συνεδρίασης που έγινε προ


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Brisbane Lions vs Adelaide City

at Richlands 12.30pm SUNDAY

 Southern Division Youth Game: Fawcner vs
Nunawading City V.T.B.A.

Footscray J.U.S.T. vs South Melbourne Hellas

at Schintler Reserve 3.00pm SUNDAY

Youth Game: Footscray vs Sth Melbourne at 12.45pm



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CLAUDE LUCCHESI

Heidleberg Utd Alexander vs Melbourne Croatia

at Olympic Village 3.00pm SUNDAY

Youth Game: Heidleberg vs Melbourne Croatia at 12.45

Brunswick Juventus vs Sunshine George Cross

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Youth Game: Brunswick vs Sunshine George Cross at 12.45pm



MIKE PETERSEN



ROBBIE DUNN

Adelaide Hellas vs Preston Makedonia

at Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm SUNDAY

 Southern Division Youth Game: Brighton vs
Preston V.T.B.A.

NORTHERN DIVISION

 Marconi vs Blacktown City
at Marconi Stadium 3.00pm SUNDAY

 Wollongong City vs Canterbury Marriekville
at Wollongong Showgrounds 3.00pm SUNDAY

 Canberra City vs Inter Monaro
at National Sports Centre 3.00pm SUNDAY

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